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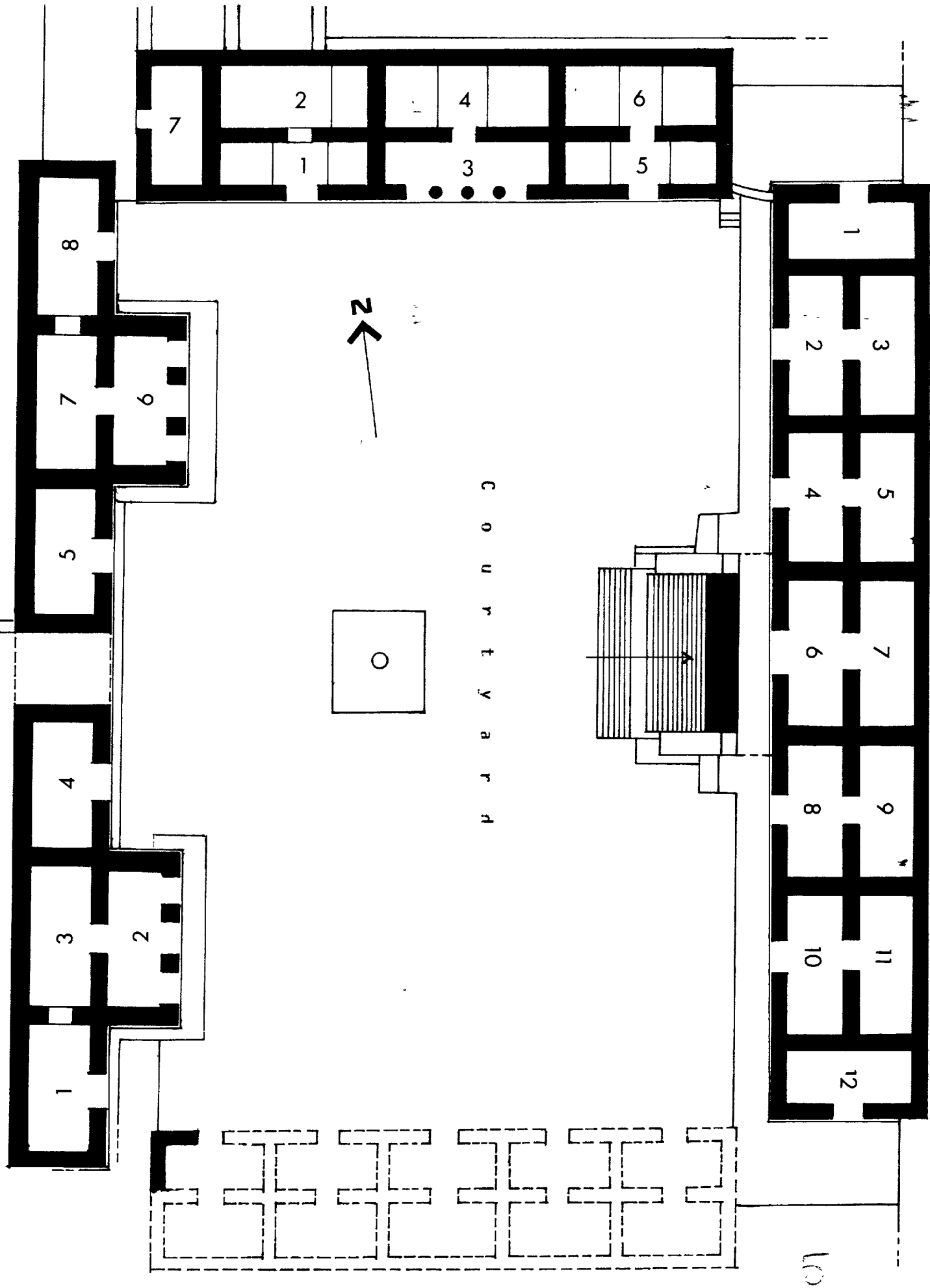
1. East Building
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ADIVINO QUADRANGLE



SITE: UXMAL

DATE: 12/3/94

BUILDING: NORTH BUILDING - ADIVINO QUADRANGLE

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: 7-room building. 3 pairs rooms opening to south with additional room at west end opening to west.

ORIENTATION: Front wall 275 degrees right to left. 185 degrees ~~parallel~~ to front wall.

BASE MOLDING:

Form: Single member rectangular molding.

Size: Height varies; 0.20-0.30 m.

Projection: About 0.025 m at top.

LOWER WALL ZONE:

Height: 2.17 m minimum. No portion of medial molding in place on south side.

Stonework: Walls faced with square to rectangular blocks only moderately well finished. Set in irregular courses.

Thickness: South wall 0.57 m thick at doorjambs.

Decoration: None. Walls are plain.

DOORWAYS:

Shape: Rectangular. No offset in jambs.

Jambs: Faced with good sized blocks full thickness of wall.

Lintels: None in place; probably wood.

MEDIAL MOLDING:

Form: 2 members. Apron type lower member, 2 courses of stones high. Rectangular member above.

Size: Lower member 0.43 m high, upper member 0.19 m high.

Projection: Uncertain as no pieces of medial molding still in place.

Decoration: None.

UPPER WALL ZONE:

Height: 0.67 m, top of medial molding to bottom of cornice.

Stonework: Walls faced with 3 courses of square to rectangular blocks about 0.15 m deep. Only moderately well finished.

Decoration: None; wall is plain.

Other: Data above taken from piece of fallen upper wall which includes medial molding, upper wall, and cornice.

CORNICE:

Form: 2 members. Rectangular lower member, outward sloping coping member above.

Size: Overall height 0.53 m. Lower member 0.11 m high.

Projection: 0.05 m.

Decoration: None ? (Several coping stones showing feather work found in debris).

ROOF STRUCTURE: None.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Intermediate Style. South facade somewhat similar to facade of Temple III of Adivino but lacks projecting stones of latter.

COMMENTS:

1. This building excavated in 1993 by Arq. of CRY.
2. Original building had only 6 rooms. See plan. At a later date, a lateral room was added at west end which shows somewhat different stonework (?). *(see plan)*
3. Doorway in west wall of this room has recessed jambs and head as seen in all Late Uxmal style buildings.
4. Vaults mostly collapsed with only a few courses of vault stones still in place in several rooms.

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DATE: 12/3/94

BUILDING: NORTH BUILDING, ADIVINO QUADRANGLE

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 1 (Exterior room, south side)

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 7.46 m.

Width: 2.21 m.

WALLS

Height: 2.18 m (+/-) top of floor to springline offset.

Thickness: Exterior wall 0.56 m thick at doorjamb.

Stonework: Walls faced with small to medium-size roughly dressed blocks.

Doorways: Central doorway, south side 1.65 m wide. See notes below for lateral doorways.

Rod Sockets: No data.

Cordholders: No data.

Rings: None visible.

Platforms: Large platform in west end, 0.61 m high. Face about 0.58 m from doorjamb. Assume similar bench in east end which is now filled in with fallen vault stones.

VAULTS: No data; mostly fallen.

OBSERVATIONS: Two additional lateral doorways as in east end room (Room 5) which were later filled in. East doorway 1.10 m wide. 0.94 m to east jamb, central doorway. West lateral doorway 1.175 m wide, 0.98 m to jamb of central doorway.

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BUILDING: NORTH BUILDING, ADIVINO QUADRANGLE

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 2 (Rear room)

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 7.41 m.

Width: 3.18 m at doorjamb.

WALLS

Height: 2.44 m floor to springline, east end.

Thickness: Medial wall 0.55 m thick. Rear wall 0.54 m thick.

Stonework: Faced with small roughly dressed squarish blocks like other rooms.

Doorways: Doorway to front room 1.32 m wide. Jamb faced with 2 columns of blocks. Original doorway 1.55 m wide. (Two steps up to rear room from front room).

Rod Sockets: No data.

Cordholders: No data.

Rings: None visible.

Wall Openings: None.

Platforms: Most of room filled in with low platform about 0.15-0.20 m high. 2.0 m to face of platform from east end wall.

Other: Curious square, hearth-like structure near rear wall; roughly 0.25 m high, 0.39 x 0.40 m interior opening. See sketch.

VAULT: Fallen; no additional data.

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BUILDING: NORTH BUILDING, ADIVINO QUADRANGLE

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 3 (Central room, south side)

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 7.77 m.

Width: 2.26 m at doorway.

WALLS:

Height: Uncertain; room filled with debris.

Thickness: 0.56 m. Rear (medial) wall 0.61 m thick.

Stonework: Walls faced with small to medium size squarish blocks only roughly dressed. These blocks 0.17-0.20 m deep.

Doorways: Three round columns in exterior doorway. Columns 0.42 m in diameter. 1.37 m to center from east jamb. Offset at east jamb 0.79 m high. Overall width of doorway 5.83 m, 1.67 m (+/-) east column to center column, center to center.

Rod Sockets: No data.

Cordholders: No data.

Rings: No data.

Wall Openings: None visible; room mostly filled with debris.

Platforms: No data; room filled with debris.

Other: Original doorway to rear room 1.85 m wide. Then narrowed with new jamb to 1.29 m and finally doorway completely filled in.

VAULTS: No data; fallen.

OBSERVATIONS: Vault faced with wedge shape stones as seen in debris.

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BUILDING: NORTH BUILDING, ADIVINO QUADRANGLE

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 4 (Rear room behind Room 3)

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 7.76 m

Width: 3.04 m ((+/-); facing stones fallen.

WALLS

Height: 2.07 m top of floor to bottom of springline offset.

Thickness: Medial wall 0.61 m thick at doorjamb.

Stonework: Walls faced with small squarish blocks only roughly dressed; 0.15 m-0.20 m deep.

Doorways: Doorway in medial wall originally 1.85 m wide. Later narrowed to 1.32 m and finally filled in.

Rod Sockets: None visible.

Cordholders: No data; walls have been rebuilt.

Rings: None visible.

Wall Openings: None.

Platforms: Large low platforms at both ends of room; about 0.30-0.33 m high. Platform at west end 2.49 m deep. Platform at east end 2.59 m deep.

VAULTS: No data; vault fallen.

Springline Offset: About 0.05 m at end wall.

OBSERVATIONS: Do not understand why facing stones in rear wall have all fallen or have been removed.

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DATE: 12/3/94

BUILDING: NORTH BUILDING, ADIVINO QUADRANGLE

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 5 (Exterior room at east end)

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 8.02 m.

Width: 2.13 m at doorway.

WALLS:

Height: Uncertain; vault entirely collapsed.

Thickness: Exterior doorway 0.56 m thick at doorjamb.

Stonework: Walls faced with roughly dressed blocks as in adjacent rooms.

Doorways: Exterior doorway, south side 1.53 m wide.

Rod Sockets: None visible.

Cordholders: None visible; walls reconstructed.

Rings: None.

Wall Openings: None visible.

Platforms: Very large benches in both ends of room.

Platform in east end about 0.51 m high, 2.46 m deep.

Similar platform in west end; same width but only 2.03 deep.

VAULTS: Vault completely collapsed; no data.

OBSERVATIONS: Doorway to rear room 1.34 m wide. Entire doorway filled in at later date. There were two additional doorways in south wall of this room which were also later filled in. East doorway 1.09 m wide. West doorway 1.14 m wide. 0.95 m east jamb of central doorway to east jamb of doorway filled in. 0.96 m east jamb of central doorway to face of east jamb of lateral doorway.

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BUILDING: NORTH BUILDING, ADIVINO QUADRANGLE

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 6 (Rear room, east end)

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 8.18 m (+/-).

Width: 3.24 m at doorjamb.

WALLS:

Height: Uncertain. Upper portion of walls fallen.

Thickness: Dividing wall to front room 0.56 m thick at doorjamb. Rear wall 0.53 m thick.

Stonework: Walls faced with small, roughly dressed blocks as in other rooms.

Doorways: Doorway to front room 1.33 m wide; filled in at later date.

Rod Sockets: No data.

Cordholders: No data.

Rings: None visible.

Wall Openings: None.

Platforms: Low platforms at both ends of room, about 0.30-0.33 m high. Platform in west end 2.51 m deep. Platform in east end 2.92 m deep.

VAULTS: No data; completely fallen.

OBSERVATIONS: Good sized room. Benches in both ends of room unusual for buildings at Uxmal.

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NUMBER: 16Qd(10):1

DATE: 12/3/94

BUILDING: NORTH BUILDING, ADIVINO QUADRANGLE

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 7 (End room, west end, added at later date.

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 5.75 m.

Width: 2.84 m.

WALLS:

Height: 2.08 m top of base to bottom of medial molding of original building. Base 0.17 m. high.

Thickness: South end wall 0.61 m thick. Front wall, recessed portion 0.43 m. Additional wall 0.15 m -0.61 m total.

Stonework: Walls faced with medium size rectangular to squarish blocks moderately well finished. These blocks better dressed than those in original building.

Doorways: Exterior doorway 0.89 m wide. Outer recessed portion 1.29 m wide.

Rod Sockets: None visible.

Cordholders: None visible; wall stones reset.

Rings: Two well made stone rings in debris; 0.15 m diameter, hole 0.06 m diameter.

Wall Openings: None.

Platforms: Low platform in north end; 0.25-0.30 m high and 1.14 m deep. Rear wall of this room is west end exterior wall of original building.

VAULTS: Rear half of vault rests on top of projecting medial molding at west end of original building.

Springline Offset: 0.16 m at north end wall. This offset is made using lower member of medial molding of original building.

Height: Uncertain; only 3 courses of vault stones in place.

Form: Vault faces have straight sides.

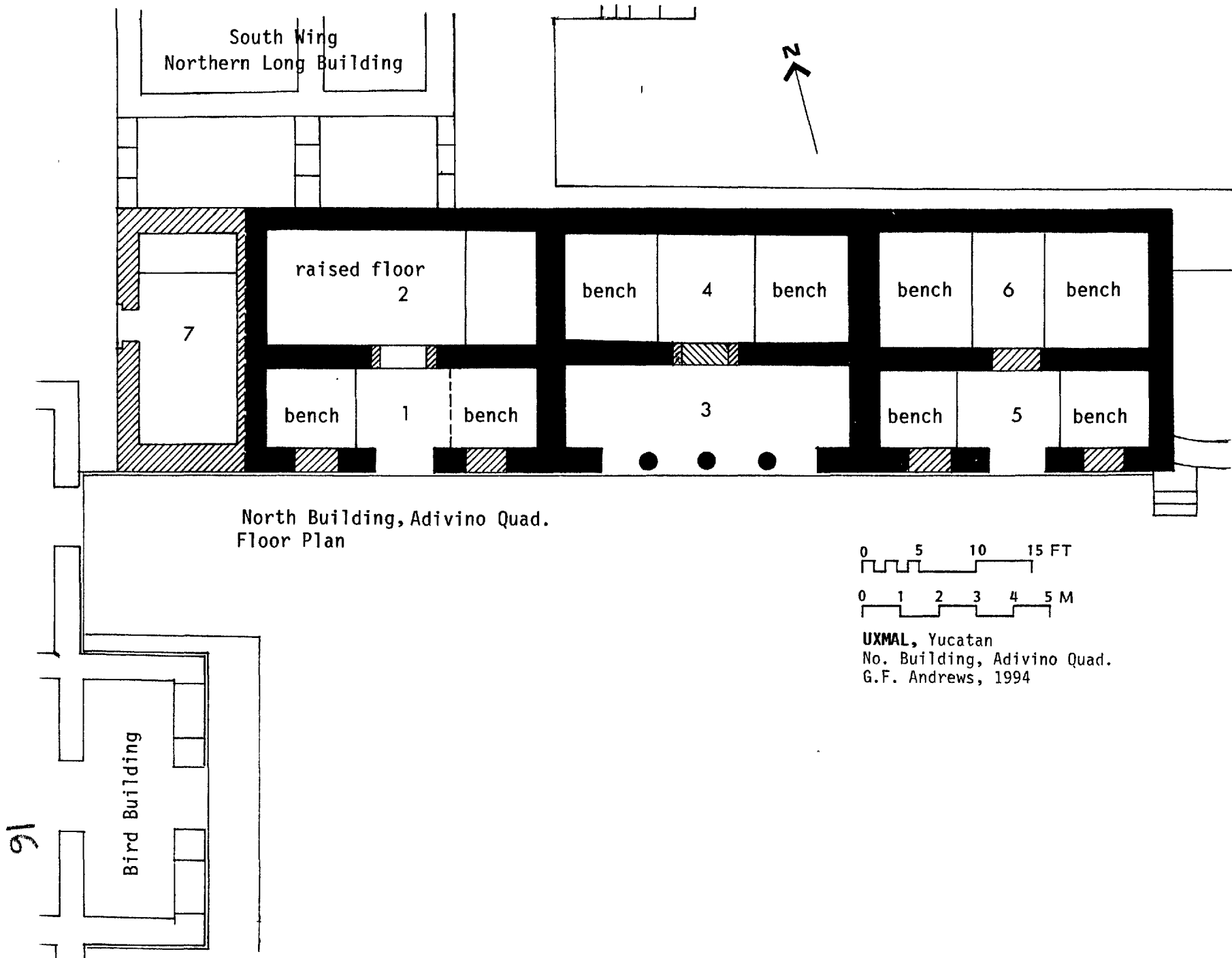
Stonework: Vault faced with medium-sized, wedge-shaped stones, moderately well finished.

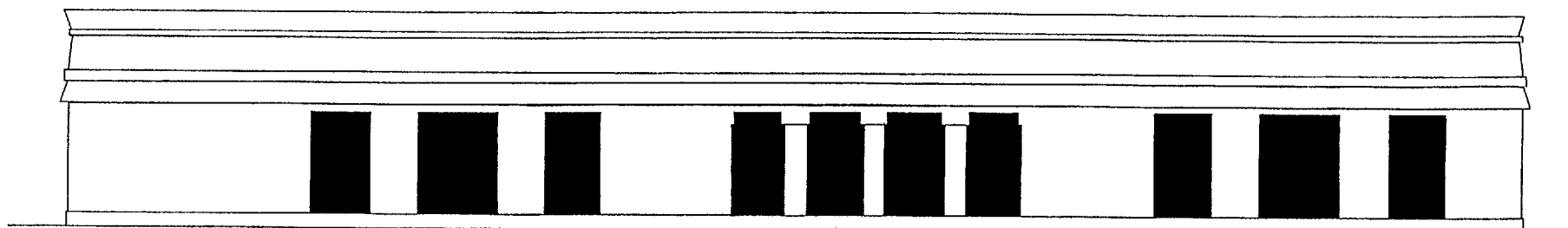
Capstones: No data.

Crossbeams: No data.

Other: It is possible that vault of this room was higher than vault of original building. Check details of original building.

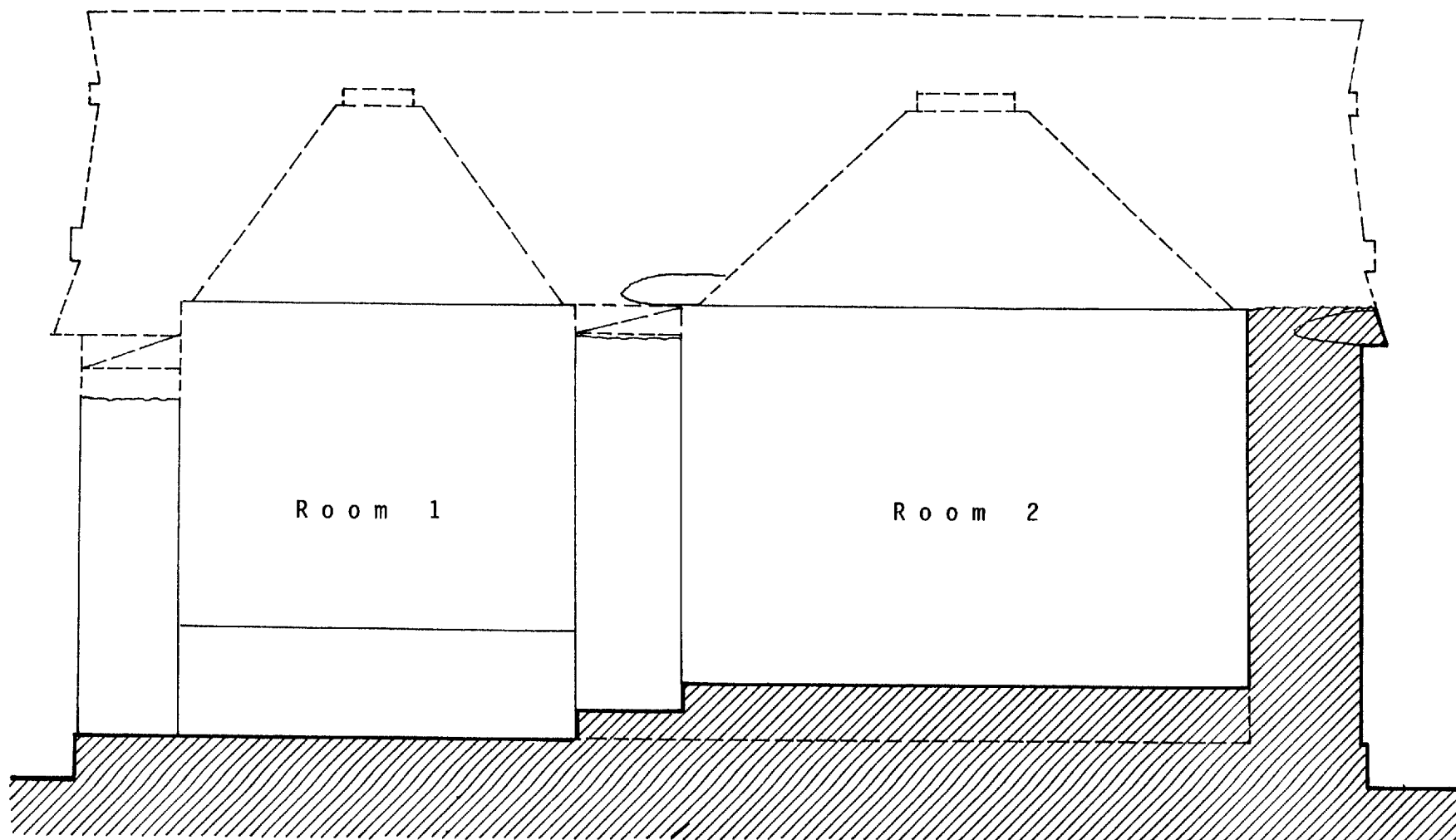
OBSERVATIONS: This room was clearly built before the platform immediately to the west was constructed. The latter is at least 1.06 m higher than floor level of Room 7. Platform is 4.81 m deep where it meets a vertical wall on east side of platform supporting east building of Nunnery Quadrangle.



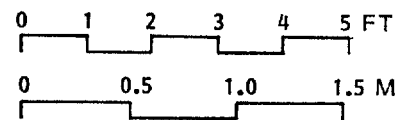


UXMAL, Adivino Quadrangle, North Building. South Elevation (restored)

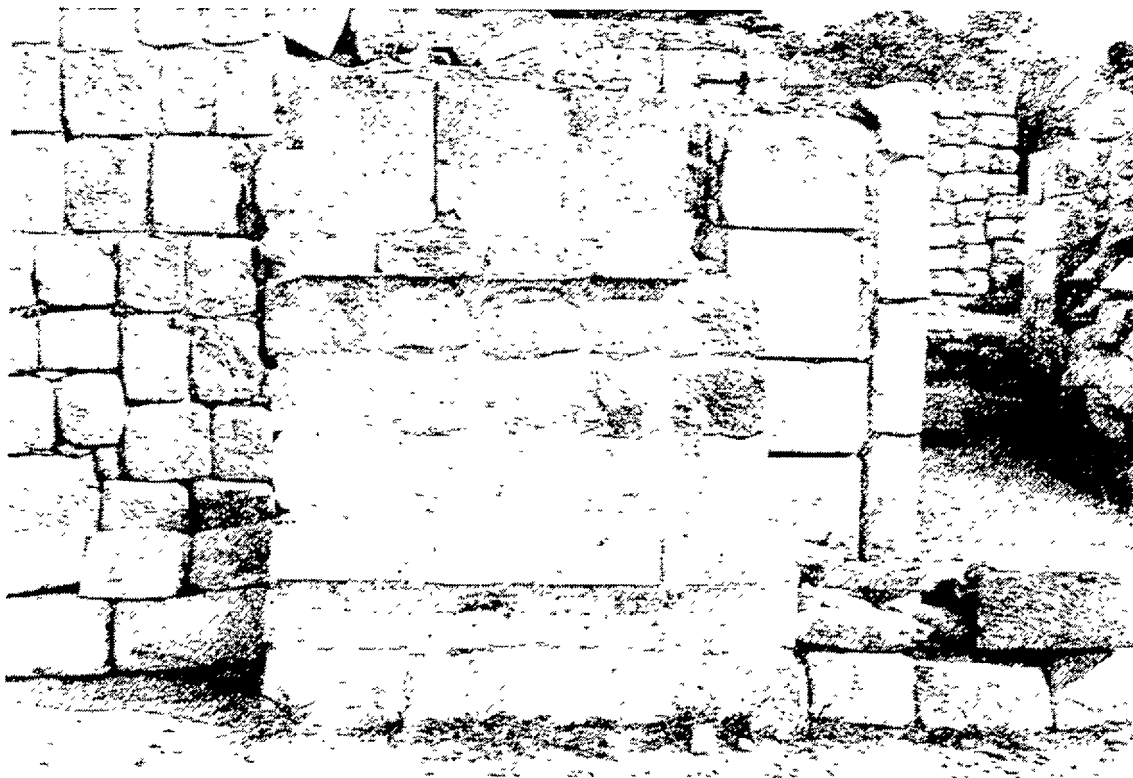
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North Building, Adivino Quad. - Section



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UXMAL, Adivino Quadrangle, Remnant of upper facade, North Building



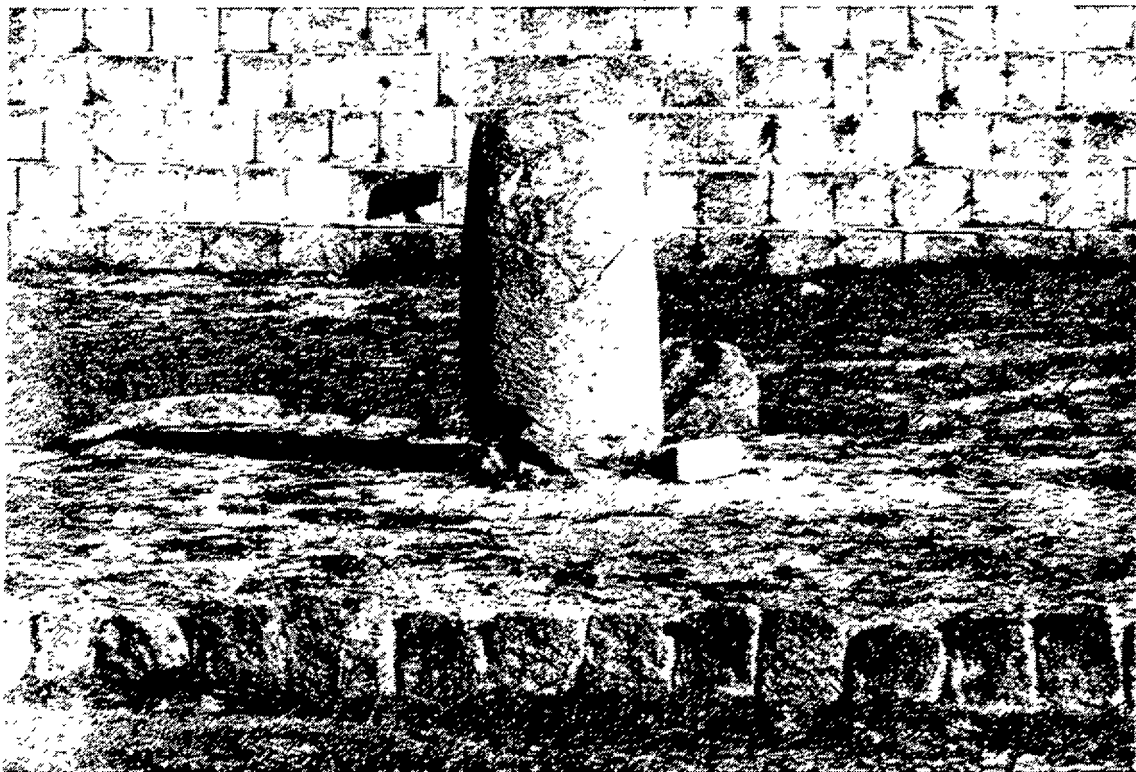
UXMAL, North Building, Adivino Quad. Portion of upper wall zone



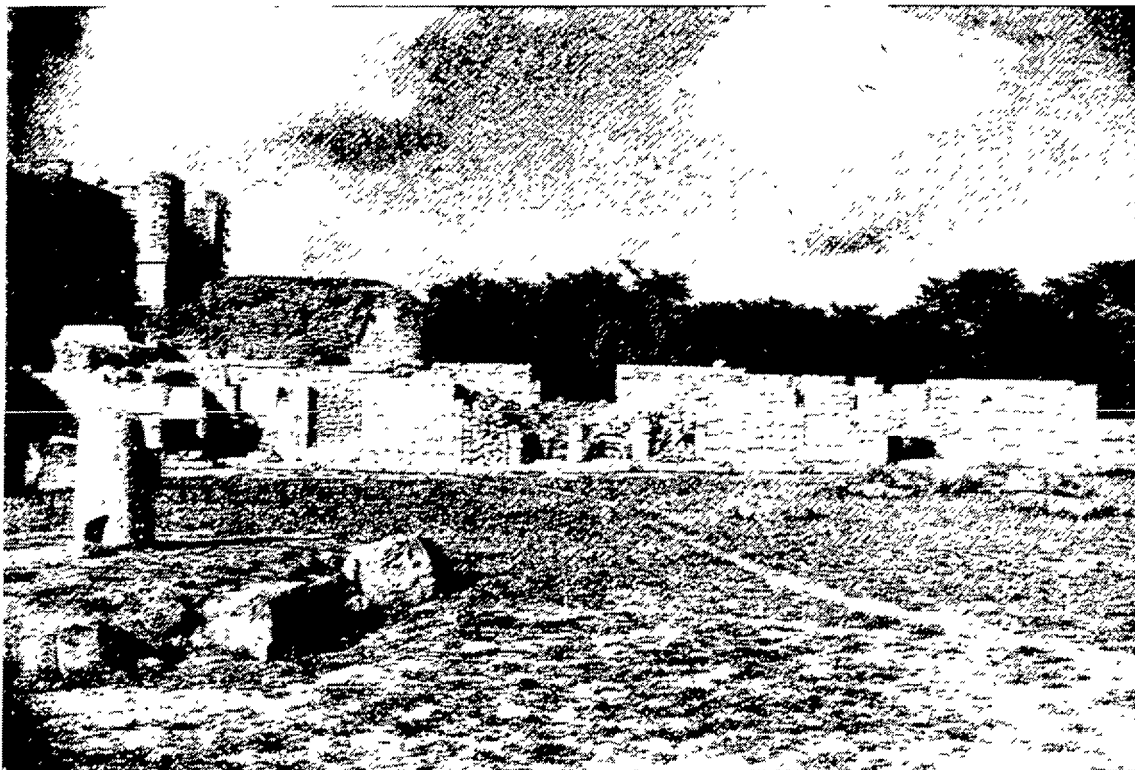
UXMAL, Adivino Quad. Section, Upper wall zone



UXMAL, Adivino Quadrangle. North Building and platform with column altar



UXMAL, Adivino Quadrangle. Platform and column altar in courtyard



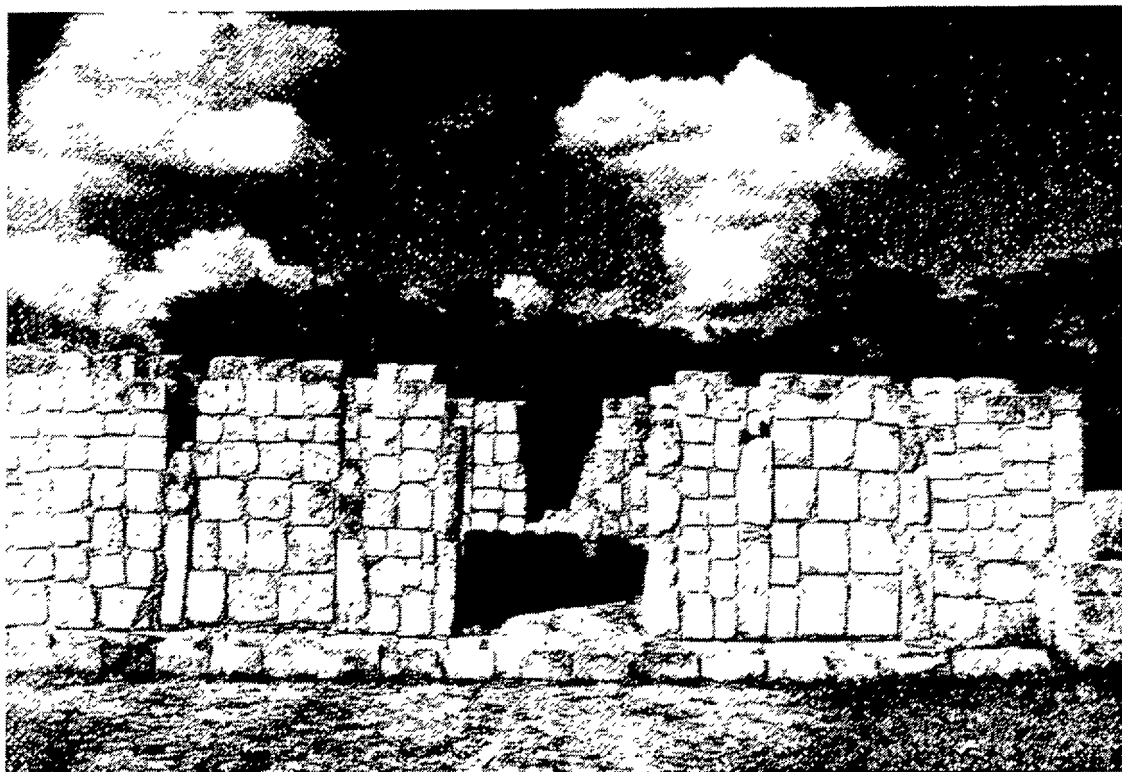
Uxmal, North Building, Adivino Quadrangle. View looking north



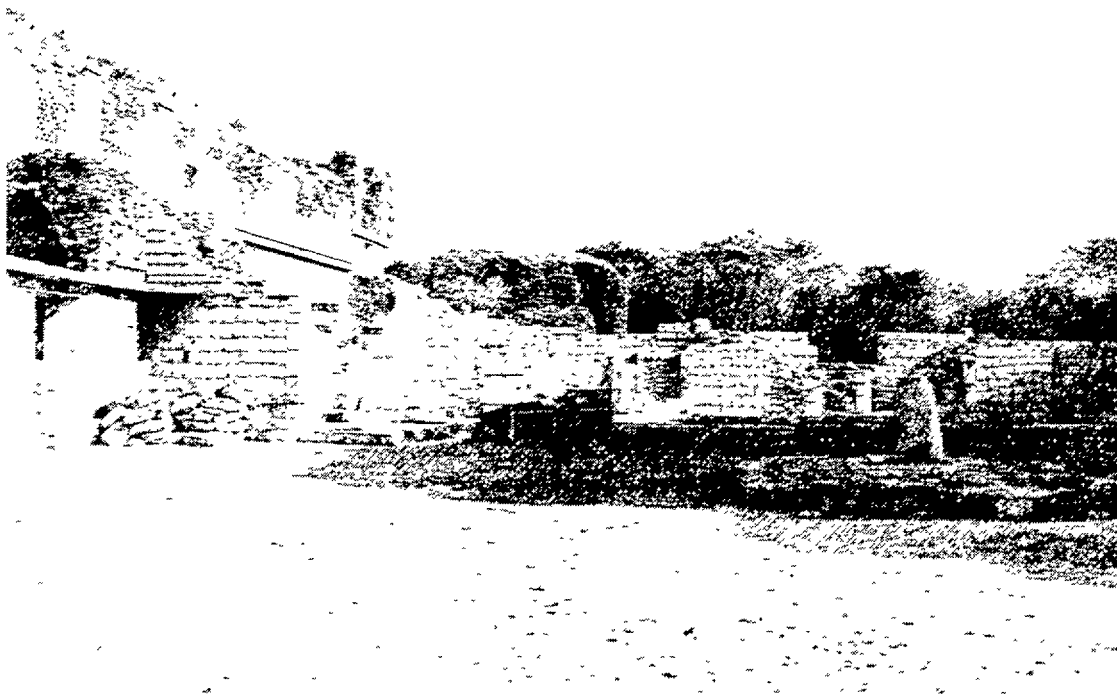
UXMAL, North Building, Adivino Quadrangle. Central portion of north facade



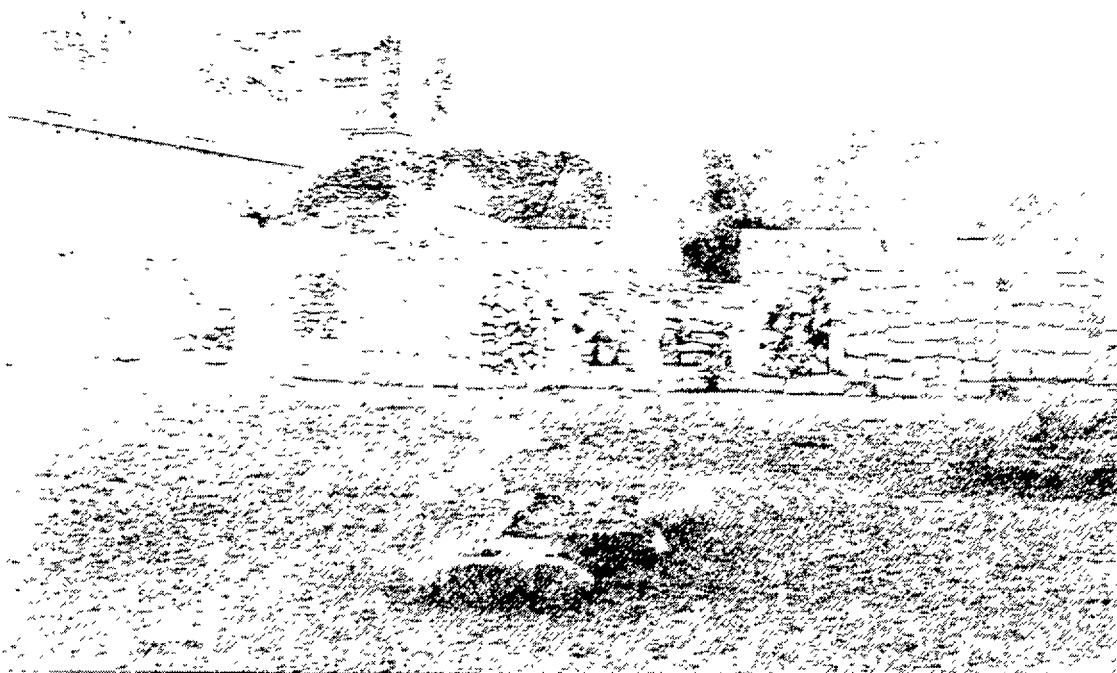
UXMAL, North Building, Adivino Quadrangle. Round doorway columns, central rm.



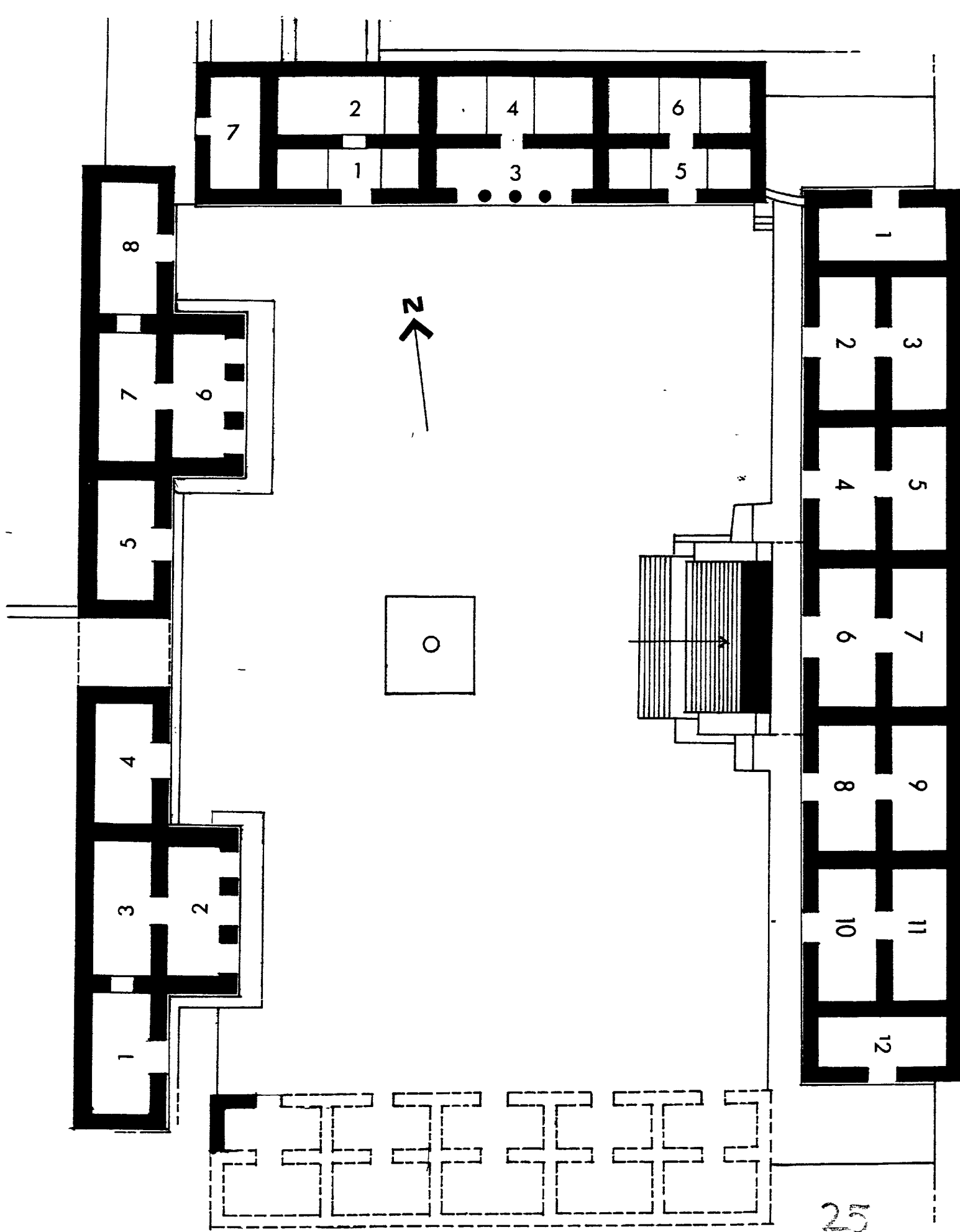
UXMAL, North Building, Adivino Quadrangle. Doorway to east end room



UXMAL, Adivino Quadrangle. View of north building - platform & altar



UXMAL, Adivino Quadrangle. South side of North Building



SITE: UXMAL

NUMBER: 16Qd(10):1

DATE: 3/14/1993

STRUCTURE: HOUSE OF THE BIRDS (West Building, Advino Quadrangle)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Long, range-type building with 8 rooms divided into 2 wings (north & south) by means of a vaulted passageway at center. Projecting rooms at center of both wings. See plan. This building forms west side of a quadrangle which includes so-called Temple I of Advino pyramid.

EXTERIOR DETAILS: Details below are for east facade, Rooms 1, 4, 5 and 8 only.

ORIENTATION: Main facade faces east; 94 degrees magnetic, perpendicular to front walls, Rooms 4 and 5.

BASE MOLDING:

Form: Uncertain, because of being covered over.

Size: Overall height about 0.48 m (+/-).

Projection: 0.13 m at top.

LOWER WALL ZONE:

Height: 2.41 m top of base molding to bottom of medial molding.

Stonework: Walls faced with 8 courses of squarish veneer-type blocks only moderately well finished.

Thickness: Exterior walls, east side, 0.67 m thick.

Decoration: None.

Other: East facades of projecting rooms (Rooms 2 and 6) have different details. See separate sheet.

DOORWAYS:

Shape: Rectangular.

Jambs: Faced with large slabs full thickness of wall. Slabs 0.33 m thick (+/-).

Lintels: Original lintels fallen. Probably wood, given width of doorways.

MEDIAL MOLDING:

Form: 3 members. Apron-type lower member, recessed central member with colonnettes, rectangular upper member.

Size: Overall height 0.57 m. Upper member 0.15 m. Colonnettes 0.24 m high.

Projection: 0.28 m at bottom.

Decoration: Continuous row of short colonnettes in central member

UPPER WALL ZONE:

Height: 1.39 m, top of medial molding to bottom of cornice.

Stonework: No data; filled with colonnettes which are well cut.

Decoration: Upper wall filled with continuous row of colonnettes with spools at center.

Other: West facades of north and south wings similar. Note that northeast and south facades of projecting rooms, east side, have entirely different details; see separate sheet).

CORNICE: No data; almost entirely fallen.

Form: Four members. Assume lower three members same as medial molding with addition of outward sloping coping member at top.

PASSAGEWAY:

Length: 4.44 m.

Width: 3.20m.

Height: 2.42 m, top of floor to springline of vault.

Walls: Faced with medium-sized, veneer-type blocks, similar to those used in wall facings of adjacent rooms.

Vault: Height and other details uncertain as only springline course still in place.

ROOF STRUCTURE: None.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Basically Colonnette style with exception of bird facades on projecting rooms (Rooms 2 and 6) which are difficult to characterize stylistically.

COMMENTS: Excavation and consolidation of this building must have occurred in the latter part of 1992 since I was at Uxmal in March of 1992 and nothing had been done at that time. (See my notes from earlier years for comparison with new data for 1993).

It is encouraging to note that during our earlier explorations, when the central portion (Rooms 4 and 5) was only a pile of debris, I noted several wall stones still in place in debris indicating the presence of an east-west passageway which has now been verified.

SITE: UXMAL

NUMBER: 16Qd(10):1

DATE: 3/14/1993

STRUCTURE: HOUSE OF THE BIRDS (West Building, Advino Quadrangle)

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Projecting rooms (Rooms 2 and 6) on east side of House of the Birds. Exterior details of these rooms differ from those seen on east side of Rooms 1, 4, 5 and 8.

EXTERIOR DETAILS: Details below are for east, north and south facades of Rooms 2 and 6.

BASE MOLDING: No data; low platform, about 8.51 m wide overall, 1.37 m deep and 0.48 m high covers normal base molding.

LOWER WALL ZONE:

Height: 2.18 m (+/-) top of projecting platform to bottom of medial molding.

Stonework: Stonework in north and south walls are identical to that seen in east walls of adjacent rooms.

Thickness:

Decoration: None but see special case of east facade of these rooms as noted below.

DOORWAYS: Originally east wall of Room 6 had three openings, formed by square piers on both sides of central doorway. Lateral doorways filled in at later date.

Shape: Rectangular.

Jambs: Faced with medium sized blocks, similar to those seen in wall facings.

Lintels: Original wooden lintels fallen.

Other: East wall of Room 6 originally consisted of four piers, or columns, about 0.77 m wide and 0.81 m deep. These columns had three-member base, 0.61 m high overall. Lower member of base 0.15 m high, upper member 0.16 m high. Slightly recessed panel, about 0.33 m wide, in central member of base and in columns above. These columns are similar in their basic form to the columns seen in the south facade of the Venus Temple at the foot of the western part of the North Building of the Nunnery Quadrangle, but in restored version lack the complex capitals of the latter. East wall of Room 2 of South Wing similar but piers between central and lateral doorways lack base and recessed panels.

MEDIAL MOLDING:

Form: Two members. Vertical member at top with apron-type member below.

Size: Overall height 0.35 m. Upper member 0.16 m high; lower member 0.19 m high.

Projection: 0.53 m at bottom.

Decoration: Upper member decorated with "horseshoe" design, lower member fluted.

UPPER WALL ZONE:

Height: Uncertain; upper portion fallen.

Stonework: See below.

Decoration: Upper wall zone, which has very slight inward slope, faced with horizontal bands of featherwork, interspersed with projecting birds. Each row of featherwork about 0.23 m high, with 0.06 m projection at bottom.

Other: I believe that upper wall zone as described above continued on east side of upper wall zone as medial molding on east side is identical to those seen on north and south sides.

SITE: UXMAL

NUMBER: 16Qd(10):1

DATE: 12/3/94

BUILDING: "BIRD BUILDING" (West Building, Adivino Quadrangle)

Notes below are for piece of fallen upper facade of Bird Building near south end of South Wing.

MEDIAL MOLDING:

Form: 2 members. Apron-type lower member with circle design above. See notes for north side for details.

UPPER WALL ZONE:

Height: 1.94 m bottom of medial molding to bottom of cornice.

Stonework: Upper wall formed with 6 courses of featherwork. Each course about 0.21 m. high.

Decoration: Upper wall decorated with birds, about 0.26 m wide, 0.30 m high overall. See photos. Corner of upper wall with feathers slightly rounded.

CORNICE:

Form: 4 members. Large outward sloping coping member at top. Lower 3 members include rectangular members top and bottom with continuous row of short colonnettes in central member.

Size: Overall height 0.91 m. Lower 3 members 0.38 m high. Rectangular moldings 0.11 m high.

Projection: See notes above.

Decoration: See photos and earlier notes. Coping member with feather design.

ROOF STRUCTURE: None.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Uncertain; no similar facades at other sites.

COMMENTS: Fallen section of upper facade as described above has advantage that all details are more readily perceived than when section is in place. This fragment of upper wall was excavated (and reconstructed) after Gerrie and I recorded data in 1993.

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NUMBER: 16Qd(10):1

DATE: 3/14/1993

STRUCTURE: HOUSE OF THE BIRDS (West building of Advino Quadrangle)

INTERIOR DETAILS:

Room 1 - ~~No data. filled with debris.~~ See separate sheet

Room 2 - See separate data sheet.

Room 3

Length: 6.95 m.

Width: 3.10 m at doorjamb.

Comments: Floor of this room raised above level of outer room.

Room 4

Length: 6.28 m.

Width: 3.17 m at doorjamb.

Doorway: 1.65 m wide.

Room 5

Length: 6.72 m.

Width: 3.04 m at doorway.

Doorway: 1.65 m wide.

Room 6

Length: 6.0 m.

Width: 2.64 m at doorway

Doorways: Central doorway 1.73 m wide. Lateral doorways filled in.

Room 7 - See separate data sheet.

Room 8

Length: 6.75 m.

Width: 2.99 m at doorway.

Doorways: Exterior doorway 1.65 m wide. Doorway to adjacent room filled in.

SITE: UXMAL

NUMBER: 16Qd(10):1 **DATE:** 12/4/94

BUILDING: BIRD BUILDING (West Building, Adivino Quadrangle)

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 1 (South end room, South Wing)

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 6.17 m.

Width: 3.04 m.

WALLS:

Height: 2.25 m floor to springline.

Thickness: Front wall 0.66 m thick at doorjamb.

Stonework: Walls faced with small squarish blocks only moderately well finished.

Doorways: Exterior doorway 1.65 m wide. Jambs finished with large blocks full thickness of wall.

Rod Sockets: None visible.

Cordholders: None visible; walls rebuilt.

Rings: None.

Wall Openings: None.

Platforms: None.

Other: Much of interior of room has been rebuilt following recent excavation.

VAULTS: Completely fallen; no real data. Vaults were faced with good sized boot-shaped vault stones and vault capstones (in debris) and measure about 0.66 m long and 0.30-0.38 m wide. I assume vault details same as in other rooms which are better preserved.

OBSERVATIONS: This room was filled with debris at the time we recorded basic data in 1993.

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DATE: 3/14/1993

STRUCTURE: HOUSE OF THE BIRDS West Building, Advino
Quadrangle

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 2 (Projecting room, south wing)

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 6.08 m.

Width: 2.60 m at doorjamb.

WALLS:

Height: 2.77 m floor to springline.

Thickness: Piers at central doorway 0.85 m deep. Dividing wall to rear room 0.66 m thick at doorjamb.

Stonework: Walls faced with 9 courses of small squarish blocks only moderately well finished; set in more or less even courses.

Doorways: Exterior doorway 1.73 m wide. New wood lintels above.

Rod Sockets: Pair of rod sockets 0.15 m to center from interior wall and one rod socket 0.10 m to center from exterior wall, 0.20 m to center above floor.

Cordholders: No data; wall reconstructed.

Rings: No data.

Wall Openings: None visible.

Platforms: Good-sized bench in north end of room, now much destroyed. Bench about 1.57 m deep, 0.40 m high

Other: Lateral doorways in front wall partly or totally filled in at later date. North doorway 1.14 m wide, south doorway 1.27 m wide. Columns at corners same as north projecting room.

VAULTS:

Springline Offset: About 0.06 m.

Height: 1.78 m springline to bottom of capstone molding.

Form: Vault faces show slight curvature.

Stonework: Vault faced with 7 courses of wedge to semi-boot shaped facing stones. Faces fairly well dressed.

Capstones: Capstone span about 0.38-0.41 m.

Crossbeams: No data due to reconstruction of walls and collapse of vault.

Other: Floor to rear room raised about 0.10 m above floor of outer room. Projecting molding at base of dividing wall projects 0.13 m.

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DATE: 3/14/1993

STRUCTURE: HOUSE OF THE BIRDS (West Building, Advino Quadrangle).

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 7

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 6.13 m.

Width: 3.03 m at doorjamb.

WALLS:

Height: 1.61 m floor to springline, rear wall.

Thickness: Dividing wall to front room 0.67 m thick.

Stonework: Walls faced with 10 courses of rather roughly dressed square blocks set in somewhat uneven courses.

Doorways: Doorway to exterior room 1.99 m wide. 0.43 m bottom of lintel to springline.

Rod Sockets: No data; jambs reconstructed.

Cordholders: No data.

Rings: None.

Wall Openings: Doorway in north end wall to adjacent Room 8 is 1.34 m wide. This doorway filled in at later date.

Platforms: None.

Other: Traces of plaster on walls and vault. Soffit of springline offset, rear wall, shows dark red paint. Red paint continues on wall below.

VAULTS:

Springline Offset: 0.06 m (+/-).

Height: 1.83 m (+/-) springline to bottom of capstone molding.

Form: Vault faces show slight curvature.

Stonework: Vaults faced with 7 courses of wedge-shaped stones with faces better finished than wall stones below.

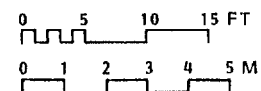
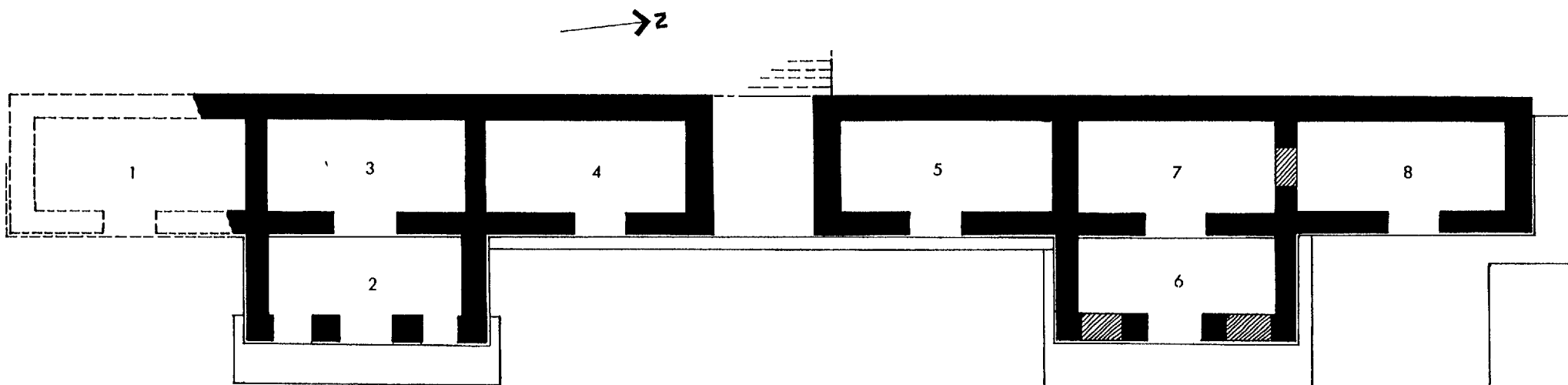
Capstones: Capstone span about 0.38 m. Molding below capstones 0.10-0.13 m high.

Crossbeams: Single crossbeams near both ends of room at springline. Additional row of 4 crossbeams at bottom of 2nd course of vault stones below capstone molding. Additional crossbeam just below medial molding.

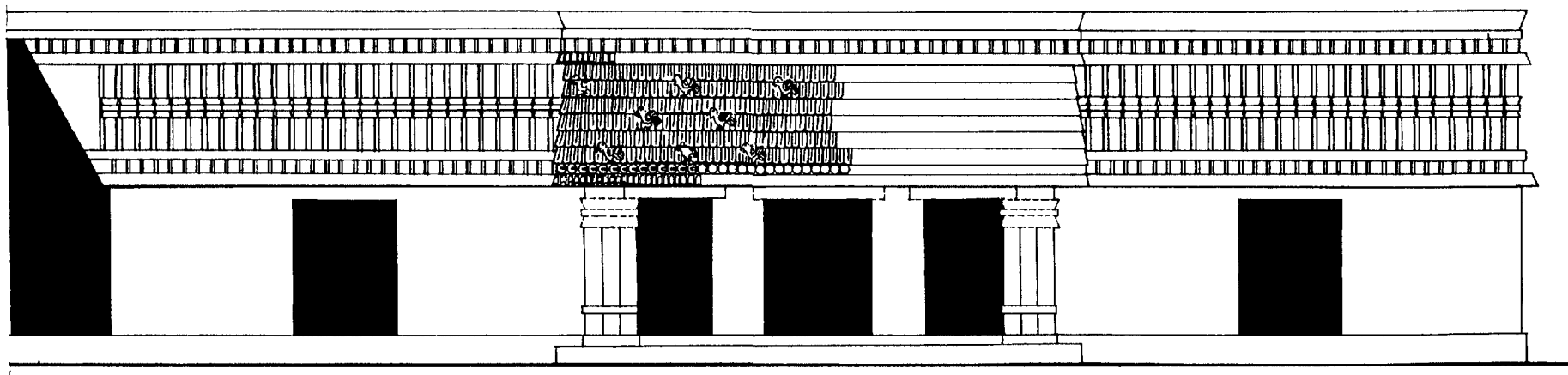
Other: Rear half of vault mostly intact. Front half partly reconstructed over doorway.

OBSERVATIONS: Rather typical Classic Puuc room.

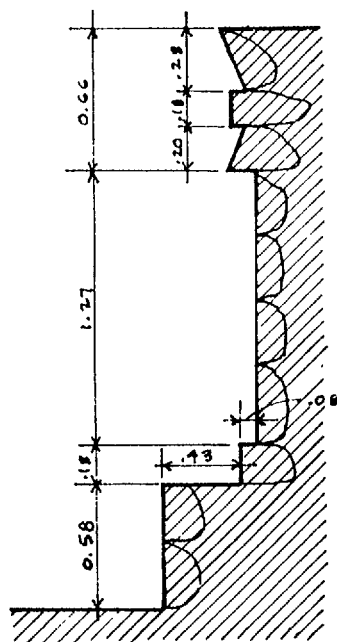
OBSERVATIONS: The two central piers in front wall of this room creating lateral doorways have simple, rectangular forms and do not appear to be constructed as columns with base like those seen in north projecting rooms.



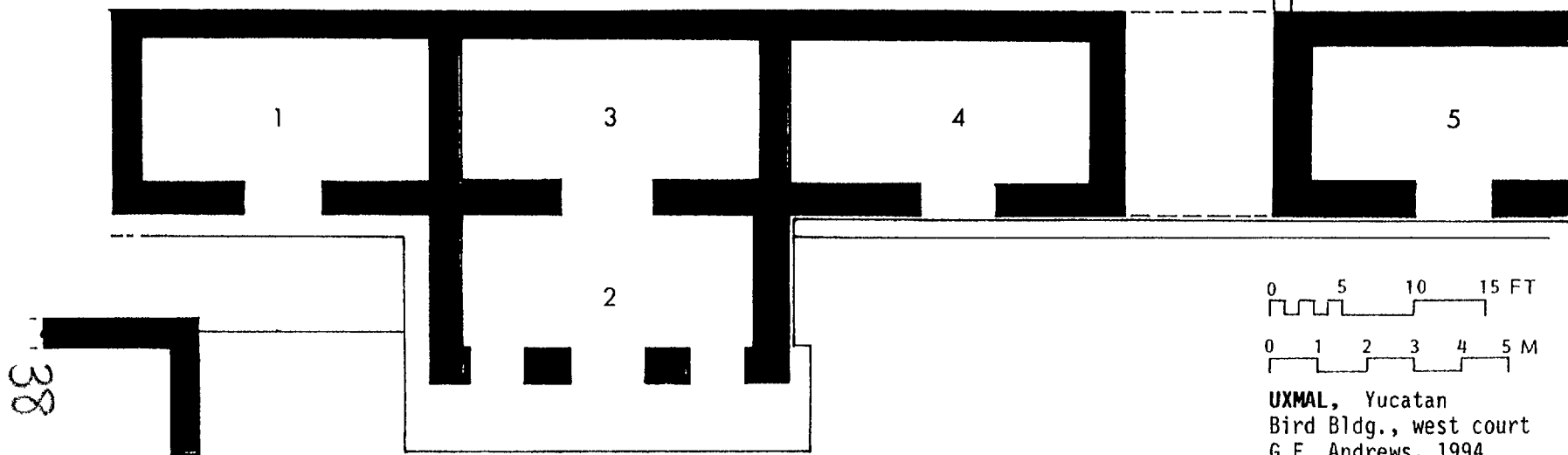
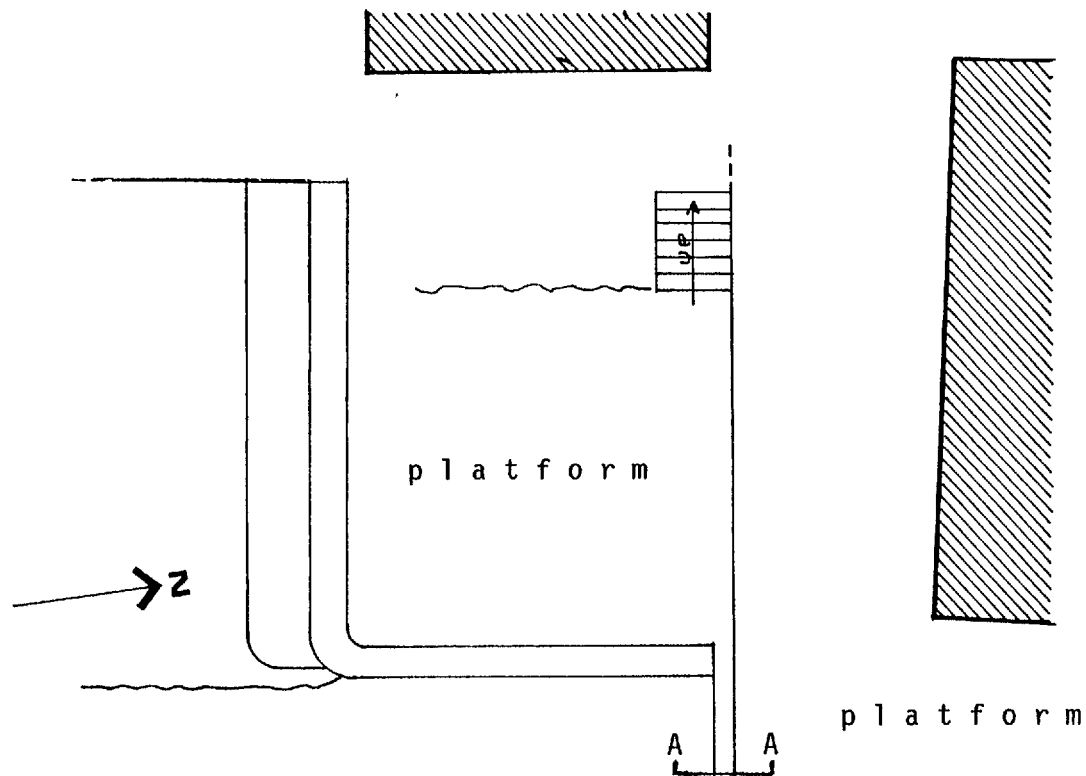
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UXMAL, ADIVINO QUADRANGLE - HOUSE OF THE BIRDS, EAST ELEVATION, NORTH WING



Section A-A



South Wing, Bird Building - Plan

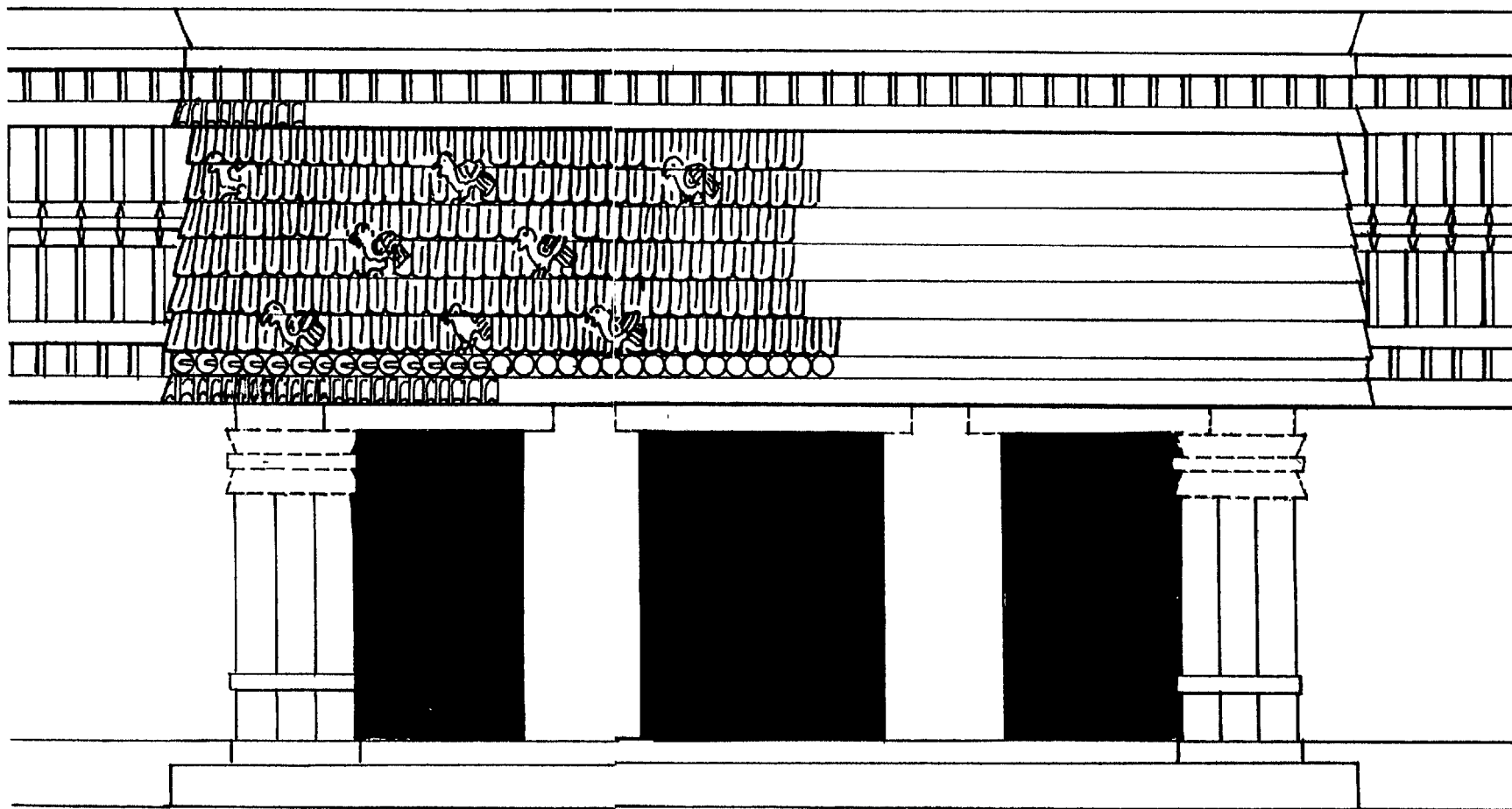
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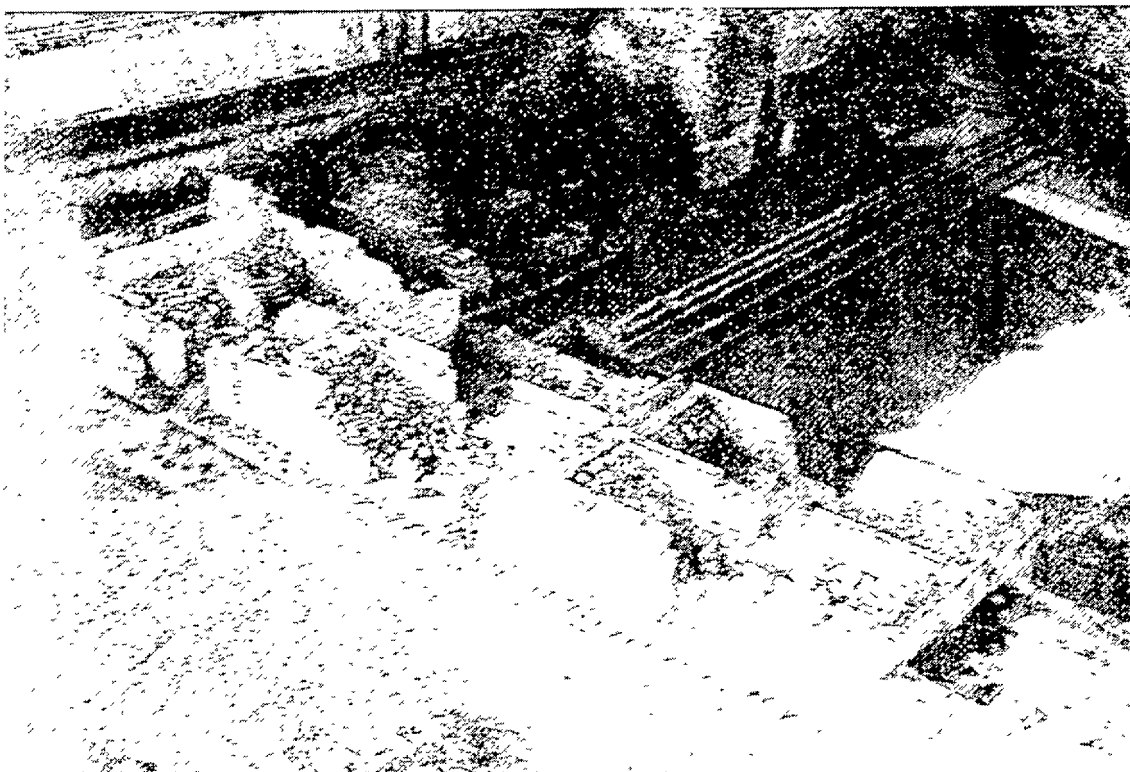
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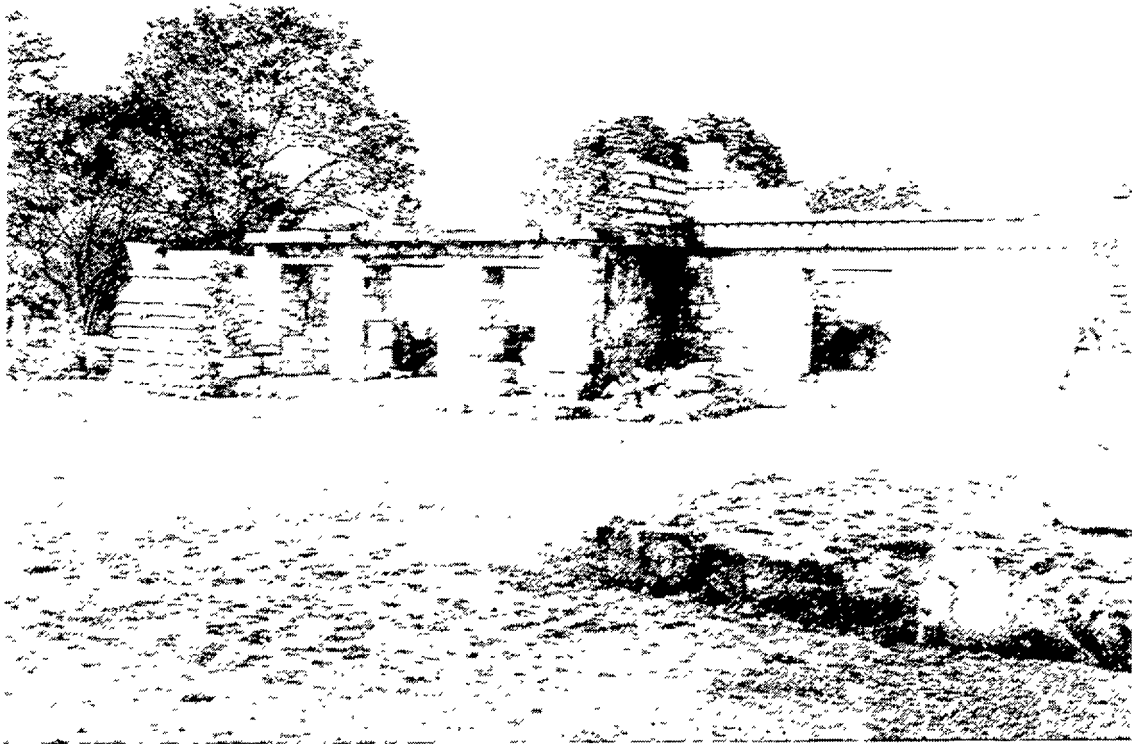
UXMAL, West Building (House of the Birds), Adivino Quadrangle - East Elevation, Room 6



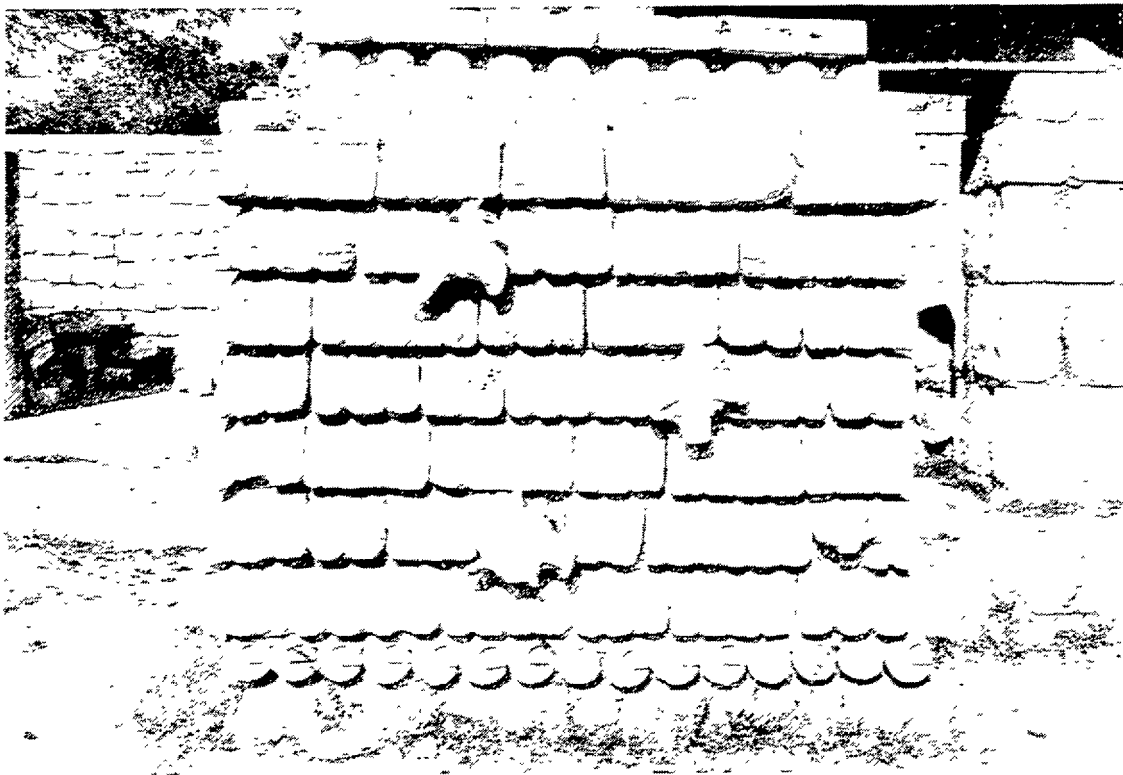
UXMAL, View of Bird Building from top of Adivino pyramid



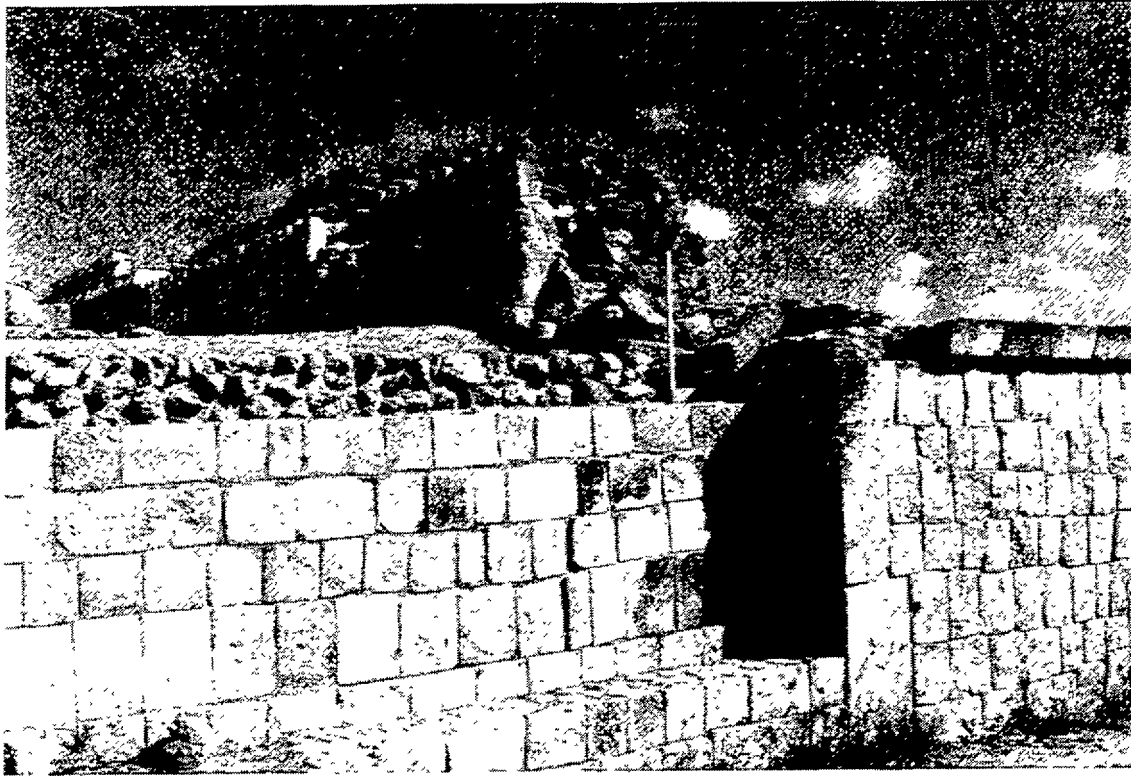
UXMAL, view of North Building of Adivino Quadrangle from above



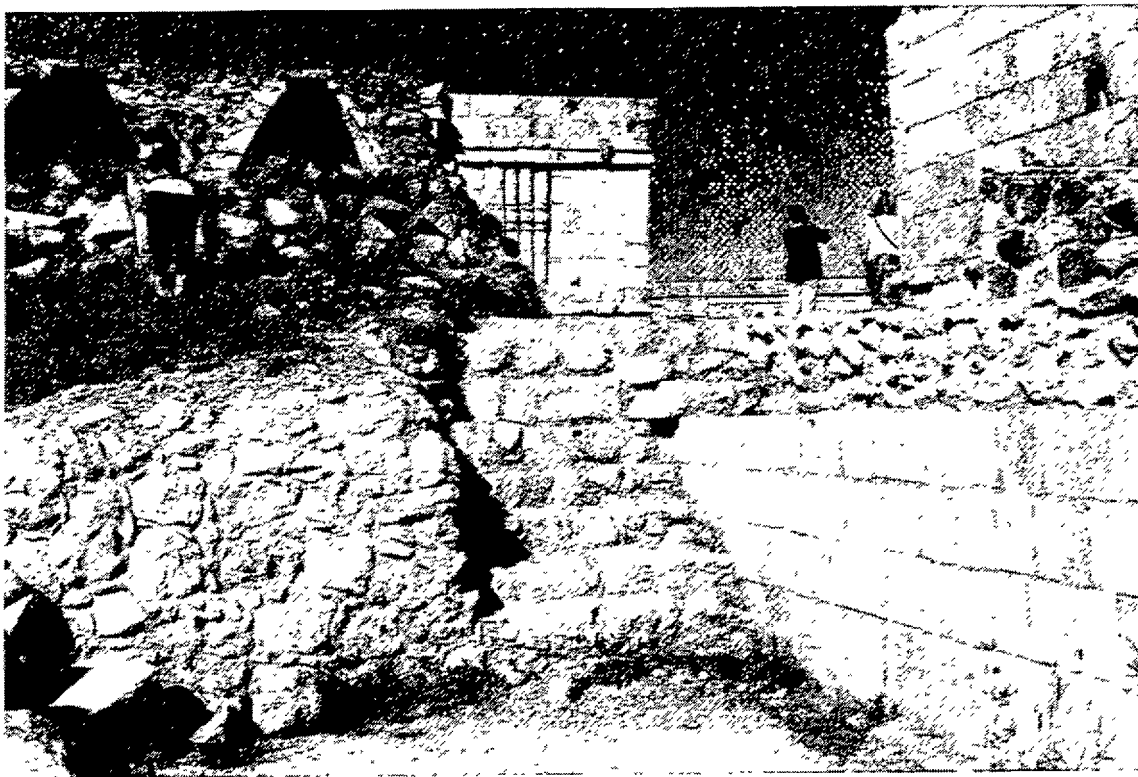
UXMAL, Adivibo Quadrangle. South wing of West (Bird) Building.



UXMAL, Adivino Quadrangle. Detail of piece of upper facade with birds



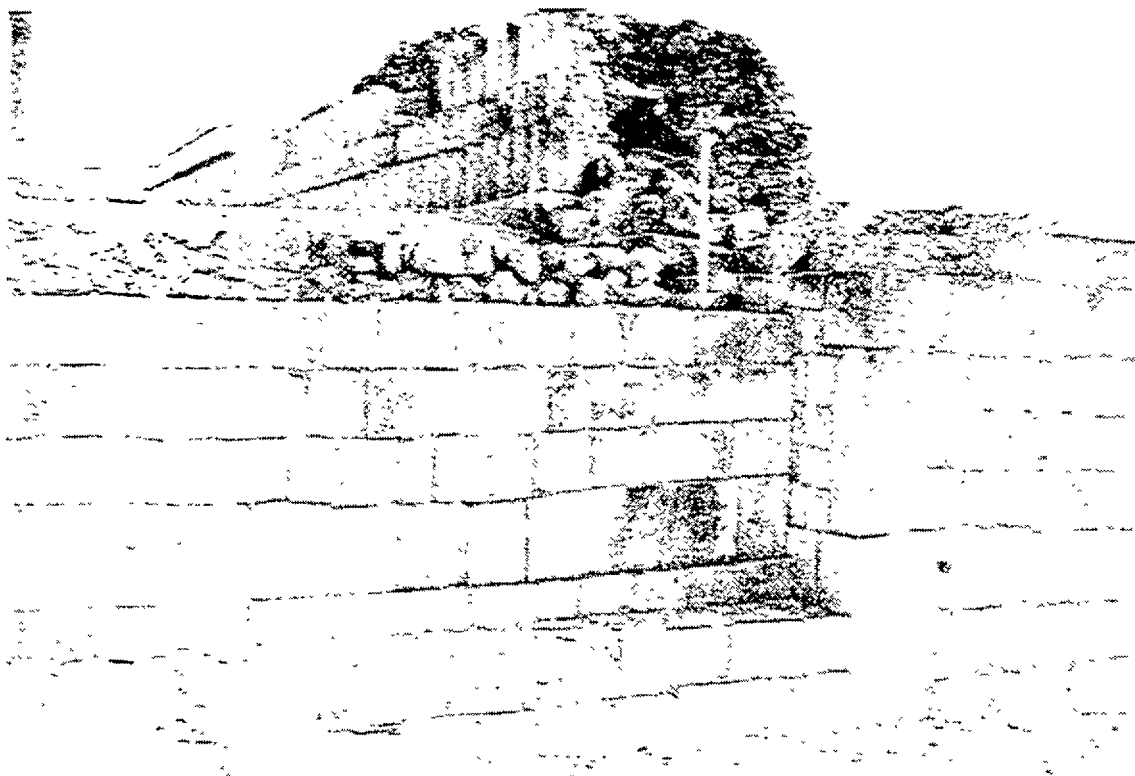
UXMAL, Bird Building. Portal vault and adjacent wall, south side



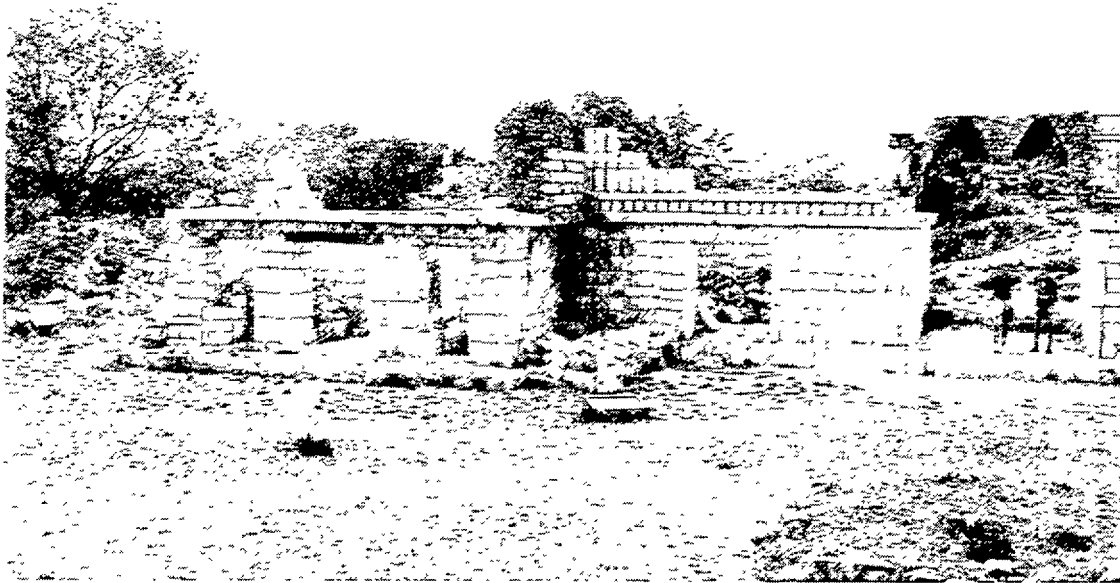
UXMAL, Stairway to upper platform behind Bird Building



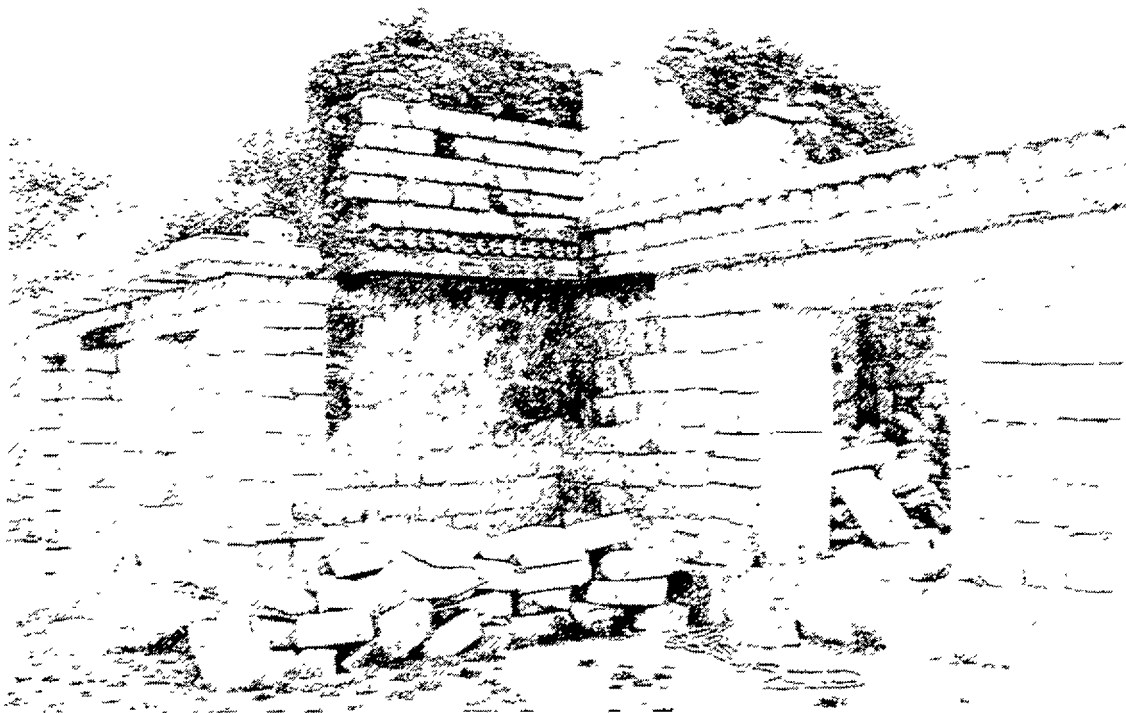
UXMAL, Adivino Quadrangle, Portal vault through West Building



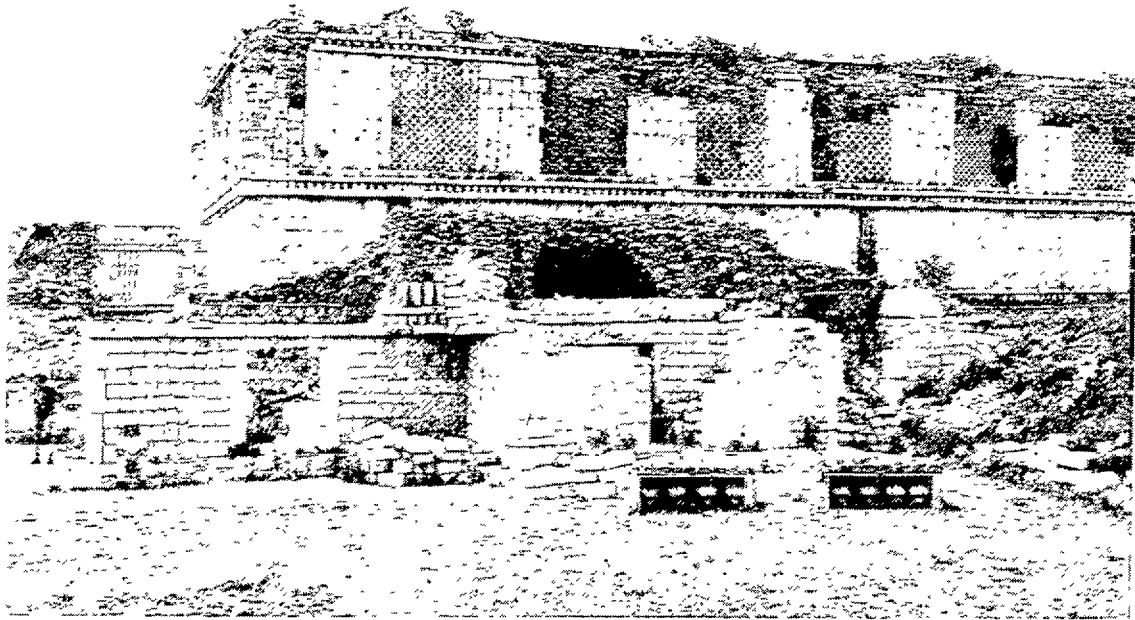
UXMAL, Adivino Quadrangle. Platform behind north wing of West. Bldg.



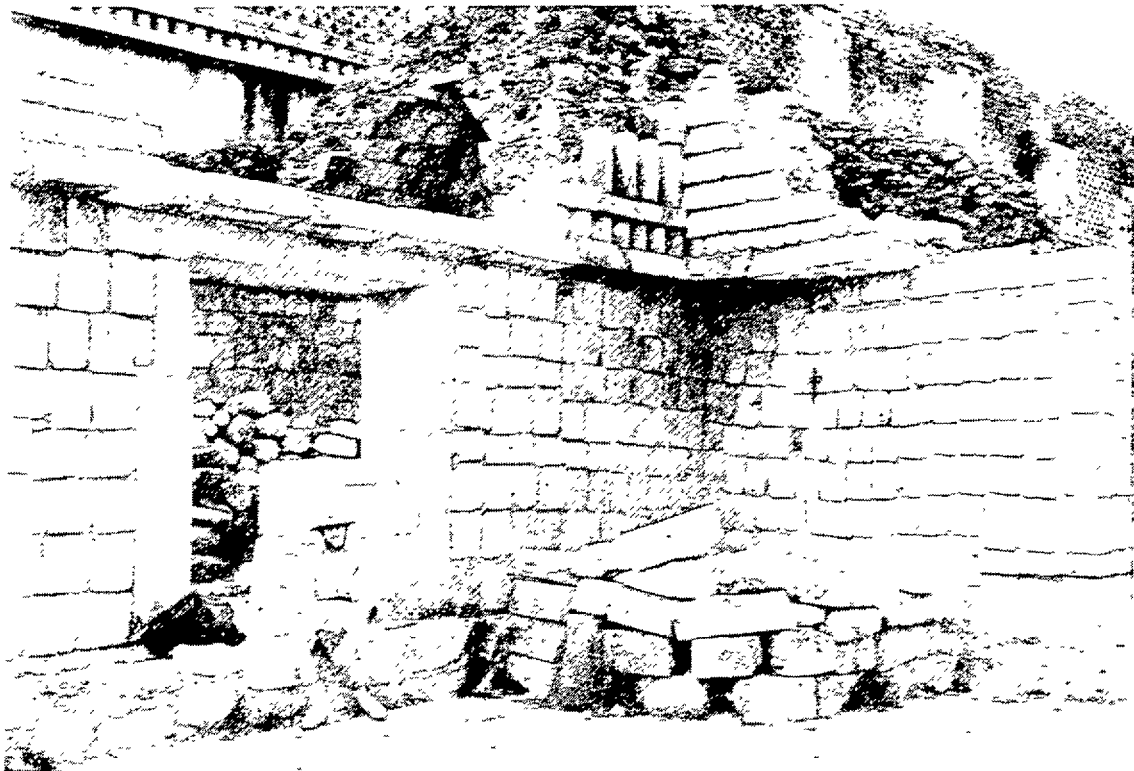
UXMAL, House of the Birds. East side of South Wing.



UXMAL, House of the Birds. Interior corner, south wing, showing remaining portion of "Bird" facade.



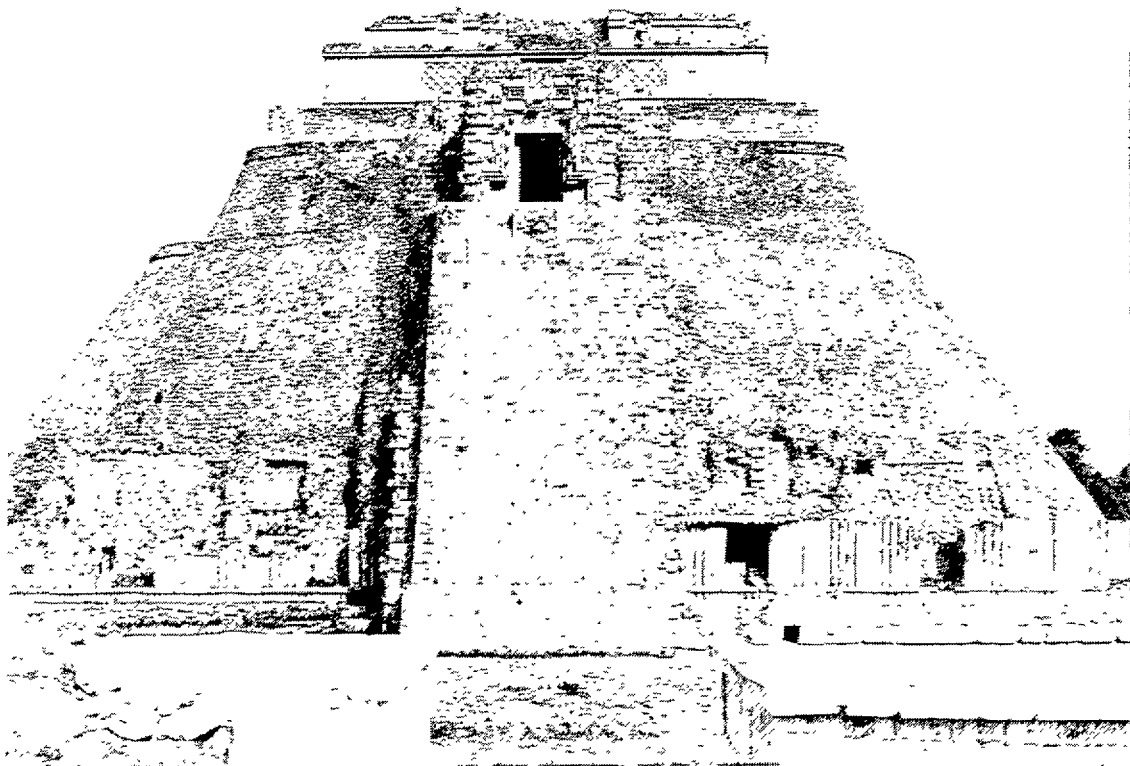
UXMAL, House of the Birds. East side of North Wing- after recent excav.



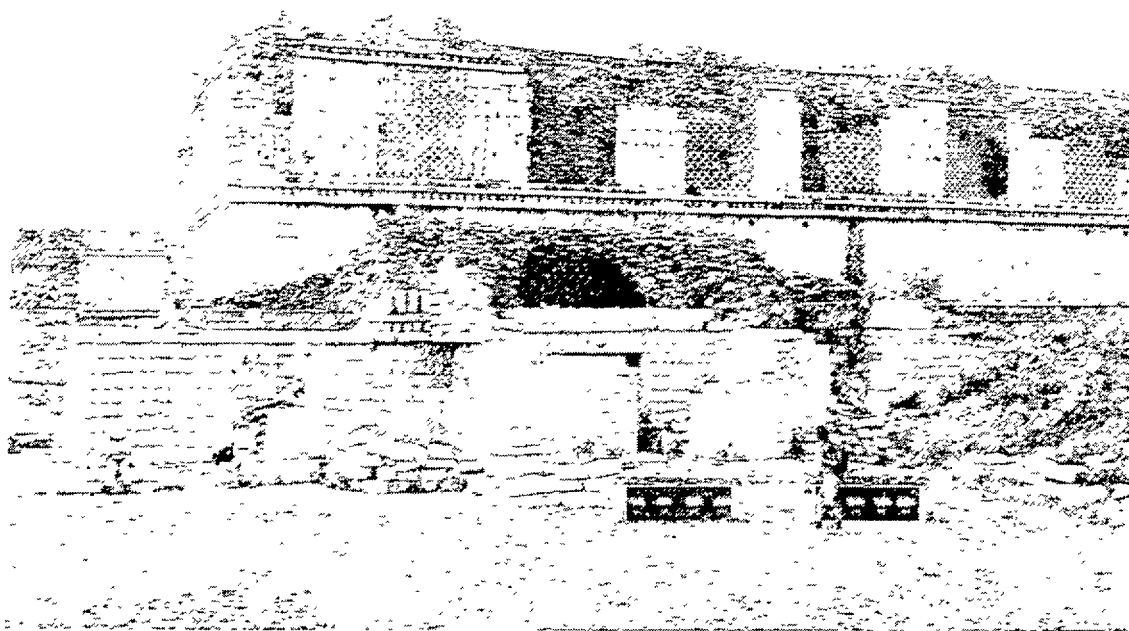
UXMAL, House of the Birds. Detail of interior corner with fragment of "Bird" facade.



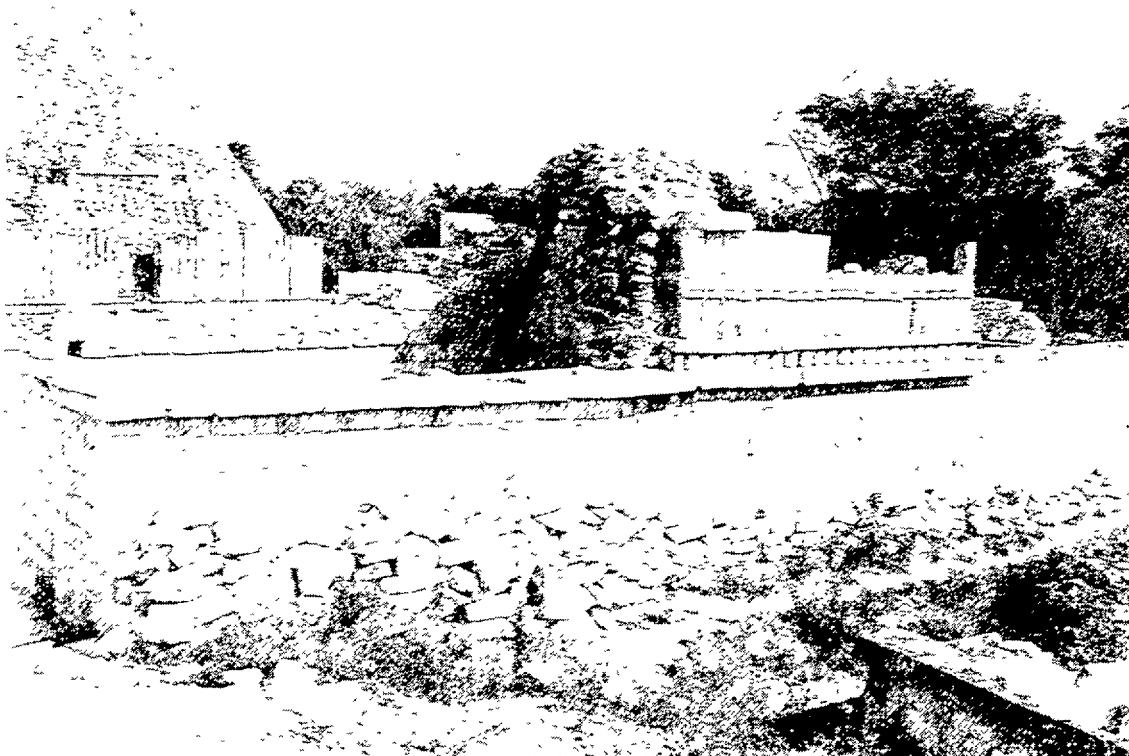
UXMAL, House of the Birds. Central section with vaulted passageway



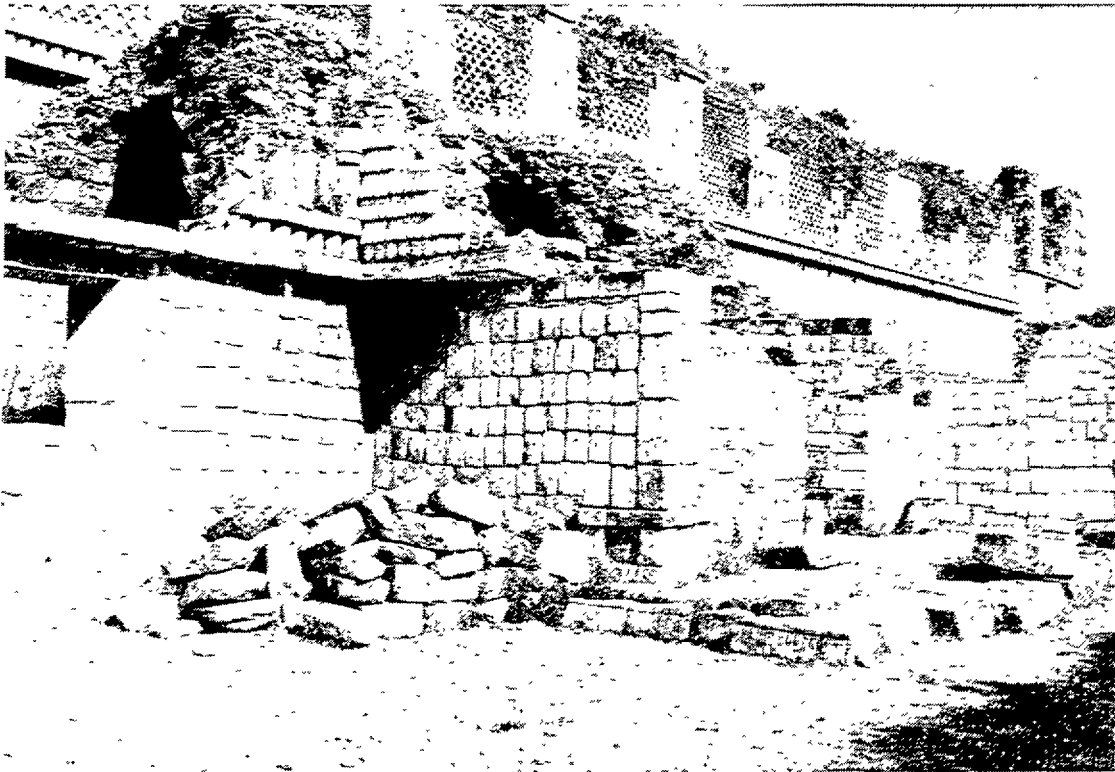
UXMAL, House of the Birds. View through passageway looking east



UXMAL, House of the Birds. East side of north wing after recent excavation



UXMAL, House of the Birds. West side of south wing showing collonnetes with spools in upper wall zone.



UXMAL, Adivino Quadrangle. Portion of north wing, east side



UXMAL, Adivino Quadrangle. Sculpture from upper facade, West Bldg.

BALLCOURT

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The remains of a medium-sized ballcourt are found between the Nunnery Quadrangle and the great platform supporting the Governor's Palace and the House of the Turtles (see map). The court was first explored and described in some detail by Alberto Ruz (1958) and in 1978 was excavated and consolidated by staff members from the Centro Regional Sureste, INAH, Mexico. It appears to be of Acosta and Moedano's Type B, or Taladoire's (1981) Lowland Maya Type 1, although there may also have been paved end zones without enclosing walls.

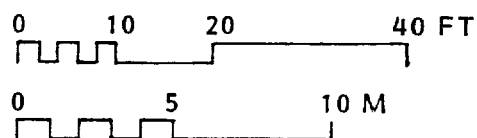
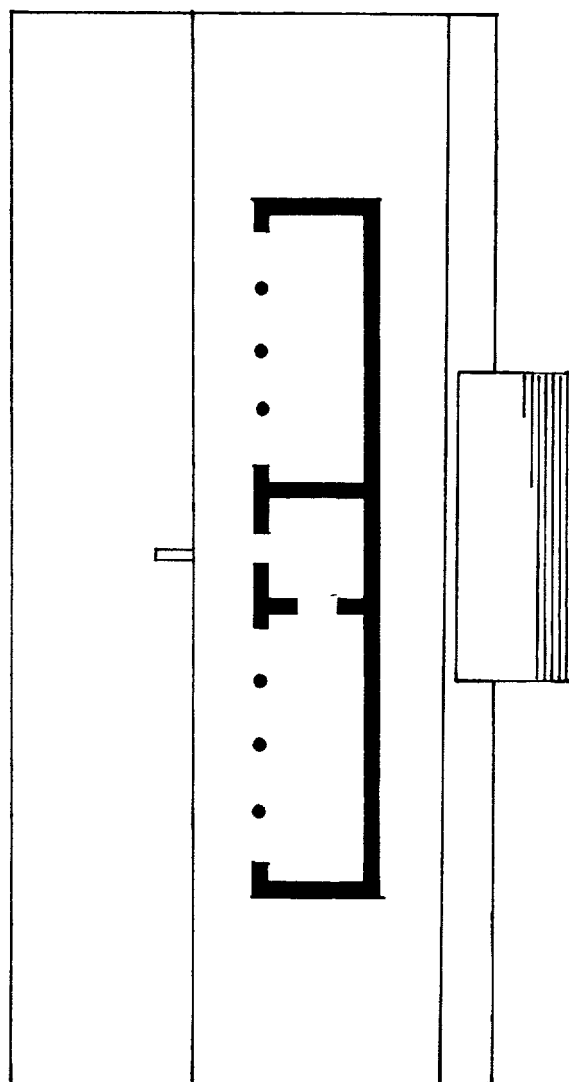
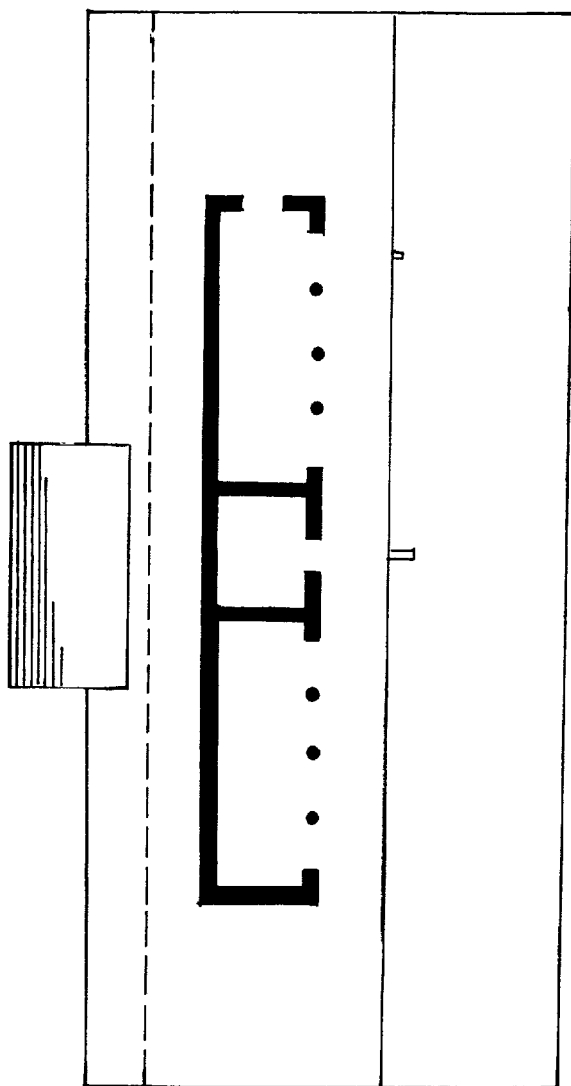
The main playing alley is flanked by two parallel platforms, with low, sloping benches adjacent to the playing alley. Originally, the rear walls of the main platforms were vertical but at a later date buttress-like additions were made to the rear of both platforms, whose outer walls now show considerable inward slope (see photos and drawings). The tops of both platforms were reached by broad stairways on their rear sides, giving access to the long, vaulted masonry buildings, now mostly fallen, overlooking the playing alley below. Both buildings appear to have had multiple entrances on the playing alley sides, formed by several round columns, although both the columns and most of the walls are now fallen (see plan). Judging from the number and character of specialized sculptured stones found in the debris, the upper wall zones of both buildings were decorated with latticework panels, alternating with plain areas and groups of colonnettes, similar to those seen in the upper wall zones of the South Building of the Nunnery complex.

The faces of the upper walls above the sloping benches on both sides were decorated with long, feathered serpents, similar in design to those seen in the main facade of the West Building of the Nunnery and in the Great Ballcourt at Chichen Itza. Centered near the top of these walls are large stone rings, one on each side, which carried hieroglyphic inscriptions. Unfortunately, both inscriptions are considerably weathered and there is still some question about the dates shown. See Pollock (1980: 209-211) for further discussion of dates on these rings.

CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

1. Playing alley 10.38 m. wide at south end and 9.80 m. wide at north end. Length is 33.97 m.
2. Main platforms, about 5.17 m. high, including three-member moldings at top. Length same as playing alley (33.97 m.) with low, sloping benches adjacent to playing alley.
3. Benches, which are about 5.66 m. deep, have vertical walls about .91 m. high adjacent to playing alley and slope upwards, reaching a height above ground of about 1.74 m. where they meet the vertical walls of main platforms.
4. Originally, main platforms were only 13.07 m. deep, with vertical walls at rear, but with additions overall depth was increased to 15.0 m. at south end and 15.20 m. at north end, including benches.
5. Projecting stairways, 7.46 m. wide, roughly centered at rear of both main platforms. Projection about 2.44 m. Two risers of west stairway still in place but east stairway mostly fallen.
6. Buildings at top of both platforms measure 22.56 m. long and 3.80 m. wide overall. Ruz (1958) believed that both had same floor plan with small central rooms, flanked on both sides by long rooms with three round columns in doorways (see restored plan).
7. Large stone rings centered in vertical walls above top of benches. Rings are partly destroyed but appear to have been about 1.11 m. in diameter, with .20 m. wide rims. Bottom of tenon about 1.75 m. above top of bench. Interpretations of dates inscribed on rings varies from A.D. 649(Ruz, 1958) to A.D. 1277(Morley and Brainerd, 1941).
8. Long, feathered serpent bodies in upper part of walls above benches, now mostly fallen. Serpent tail still in place in west wall, 7.60 m. to center from north end and 1.16 m. above top of bench. As noted earlier, the serpent bodies are similar to those seen in the main facade of the West Building of the Nunnery complex at Uxmal but it is particularly noteworthy that they are also very similar to those in the Great Ballcourt at Chichen Itza. In the latter instance, however, the serpents are found at the top of the low walls adjacent to the playing alley, rather than in the upper walls as seen here.
9. My notes give a dimension of 70.30 m. from the south face of the South Building of the Nunnery complex to the north face of the Ballcourt, and 41.0 m. from the south end of the Ballcourt to the north face of the lower terrace in front of the platform of the Governor's palace.

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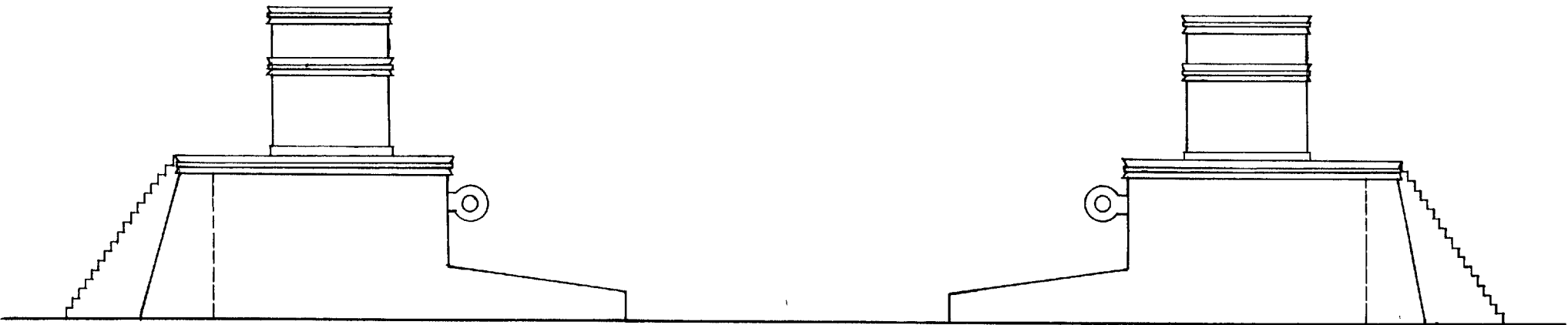


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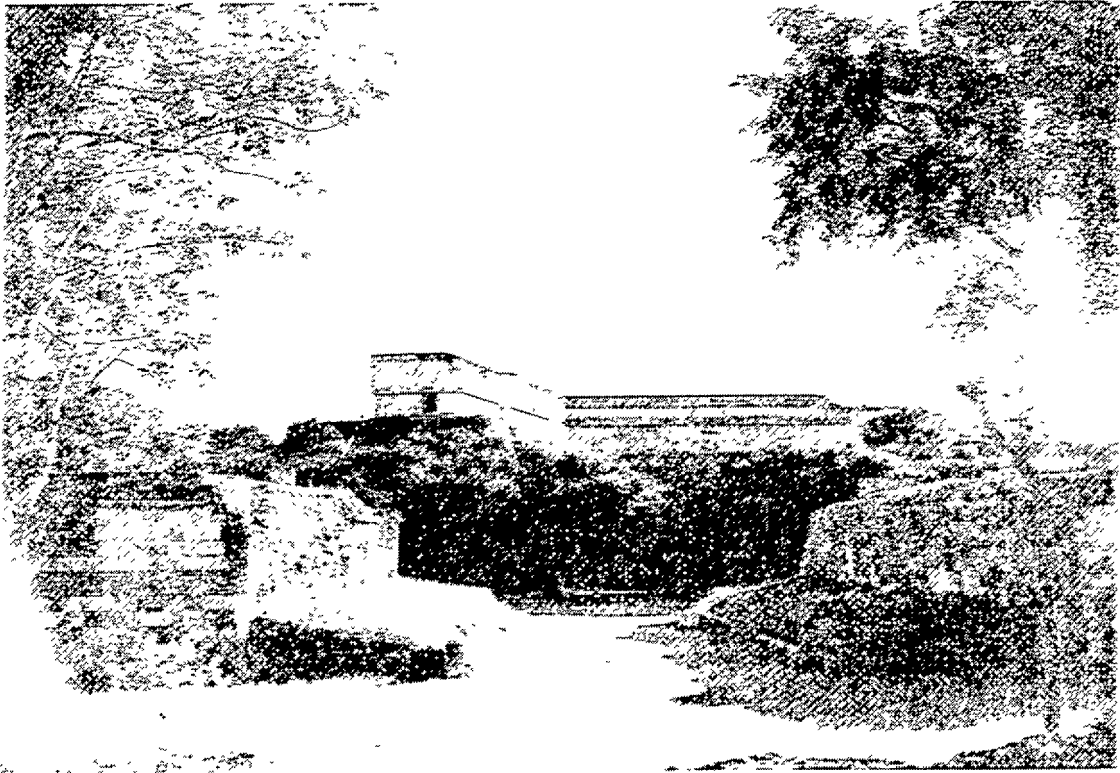
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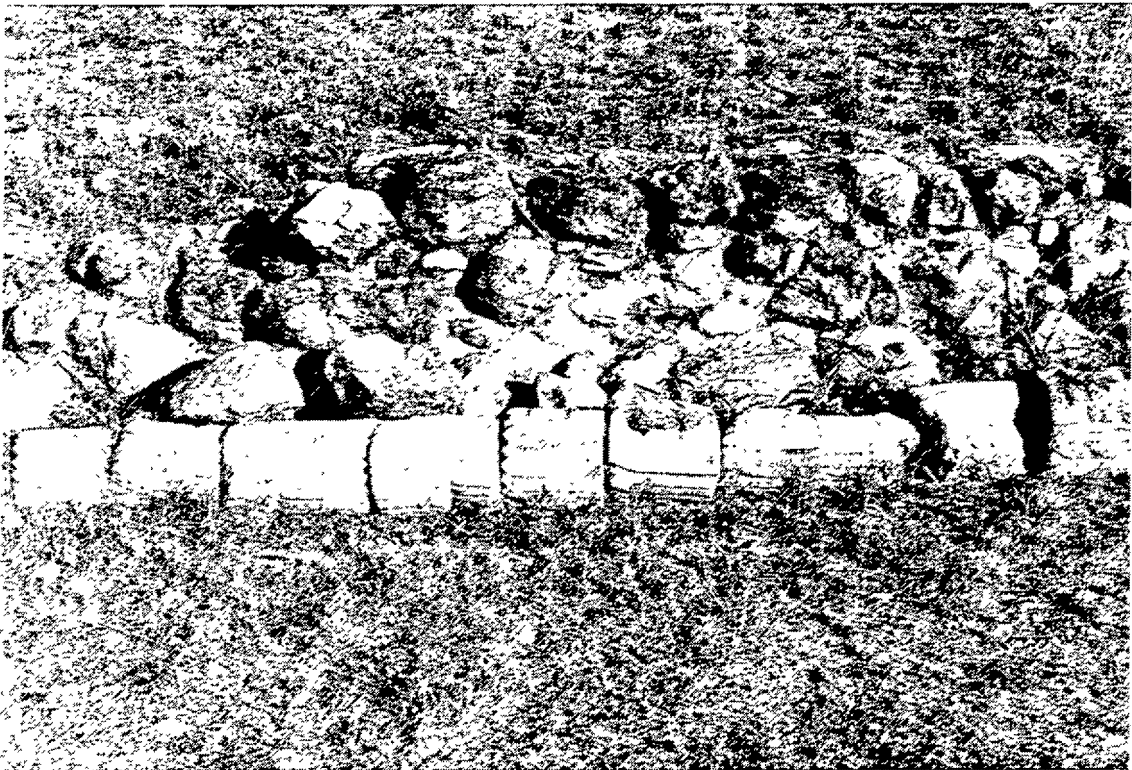
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UXMAL, BALLCOURT - END ELEVATION



UXMAL, Ballcourt. View looking south



UXMAL, Ballcourt. Remains of feathered serpent from top of bench

HOUSE OF THE TURTLES

HOUSE OF THE TURTLES

The building commonly known as the House of the Turtles is situated near the northwest corner of the huge platform which supports the House of the Governor and several other minor structures. This building gets its name from the small sculptures of turtles which are found in the central member of the cornice molding. Because of its prominent position in relation to both the House of the Governor behind and the Great Ballcourt below, it has received considerable attention from casual visitors and scholars alike, and in 1970-71 was excavated and consolidated by INAH, Mexico, with Cesar Saenz as project director.

Within the past two years (1987), the north face of the great platform supporting this building was also excavated and consolidated, revealing a broad stairway, centered on the central doorway on the north side, providing ready access to the House of the Turtles from the ballcourt and plaza below. It is noteworthy that the upper edge of the terrace immediately in front of the House of the Turtles is parallel to the north face of this building (and perpendicular to the stairway to the north) which required a change in the nominal direction of the north face of the great platform of nearly six degrees over a length of nearly 45.6 meters in order to produce the desired alignments between the ballcourt and the House of the Turtles (see sketch plan).

HOUSE OF THE TURTLES

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Seven-room building, measuring 28.65 meters long and 10.74 meters wide overall, which consists of three long central rooms, with interconnecting doorways, and pairs of lateral rooms, one behind the other, at both ends (see plan). Main facade appears to have been on south side, where there are three doorways to the south central room. On the other hand, the single doorway on the north side opens toward the Ballcourt, Nunnery, and Pyramid of the Magician which are truly important structures.

ORIENTATION: 21 degrees (magnetic), perpendicular to north facade.

EXTERIOR DETAILS: Details below are for all four facades.

BASE MOLDING:

Form: Two members, both of which are rectangular. Upper member set back .20 m. from face of lower member.

Size: Overall height .76 m. Upper member .43 m. high, lower member .33 m.

Projection: .06 m. at top.

LOWER WALL ZONE:

Height: 2.48 m., top of base to bottom of medial molding.

Stonework: Walls faced with 7 courses of well-cut, veneer-type blocks set in even courses.

Thickness: Exterior walls on east, west and south sides about .71 m. thick. North wall 1.02 m. thick at doorjambs.

Decoration: None.

DOORWAYS:

Shape: Rectangular.

Jambs: Faced with large slabs, full thickness of wall.

Lintels: Wood lintels, about .24 m. thick. These have been replaced by new concrete lintels.

MEDIAL MOLDING

Form: Three members - apron-type members top and bottom with rectangular central member.

Size: Overall height .61 m.

Projection: .27 m. at bottom.

Decoration: None.

UPPER WALL ZONE:

Height: 1.70 m., top of medial molding to bottom of cornice.

Stonework: See "Decoration" below.

Decoration: Walls filled with continuous rows of plain colonnettes, about .21 m. in diameter.

Other: Each colonnette made with two pieces of stone.

CORNICE:

Form: Three members. Same profile as medial molding but upper and lower members are higher and made with 2 courses of stones.

Size: Overall height about .99 m. Lower two members .56 m. high total.

Projection: About .20 m. at bottom.

Decoration: Sculptures of backs of turtles set horizontally in central member. Six of these at east end.

ROOF STRUCTURE: None.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Classic Puuc Colonnnette style.

COMMENTS: The House of the Turtles is one of a very small number of buildings at Uxmal executed in the classic Puuc Colonnnette style. The lack of Colonnnette style buildings at Uxmal is particularly noteworthy since buildings in this style dominate the scene at most other Puuc sites, both large and small. For example, there are twenty-three known buildings in the Colonnnette style at Sayil while there are no more than seven at Uxmal. This fact gives additional emphasis to the uniqueness of the Late Uxmal style buildings at Uxmal, where the ubiquitous colonnettes have been relegated to a minor role, and are found only in base and medial moldings, rather than in upper wall zones, as is the case elsewhere.

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HOUSE OF THE TURTLES

INTERIOR DETAILS:

ROOM 1

Length: 9.03 m.

Width: 2.68 m.

Special Features: Bench in north end of room, 1.44 m. deep, .35 m. high. Projecting molding at bottom of rear wall, .15 m. high. Molding becomes step up to rear room at doorway in rear wall.

ROOM 2

Length: 9.02 m. (approx.).

Width: 3.02 m.

Special Features: Floor of this room raised .15 m. above floor of outer room.

ROOM 3 - See separate data sheet for details of this room.

ROOM 4

Length: 12.62 m.

Width: 2.81 m.

Walls: Dividing wall to Room 3 is .68 m. thick. Dividing wall to Room 5 is .73 m. thick.

Special Features: Floor of this room raised about .30 m. above floor of adjacent rooms.

ROOM 5

Length: 12.62 m.

Width: 2.35 m.

Doorway: Exterior doorway 1.76 m. wide.

Special Features: Projecting molding, about .15 m. high, at base of rear wall (see section).

ROOM 6

Length: 9.08 m.

Width: 2.69 m.

Special Features: L-shaped bench, .37 m. high, in south end of room. Bench is 1.47 m. deep at south end wall, .80 m. deep at rear wall.

ROOM 7

Length: 9.07 m.

Width: 3.02 m.

Special Features: Bench in south end of room, .36 m. high, 1.70 m. deep. Floor of this room raised about .16 m. above floor of outer room.

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HOUSE OF THE TURTLES

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 3 (Exterior room, south side)

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 12.62 m. (approx.).

Width: 2.34 m.

WALLS:

Height: 2.75 m., floor to springline.

Thickness: Exterior wall .72 m. thick at doorways.

Stonework: Walls faced with 7 courses of well-cut, veneer-type blocks set in even courses.

Doorways: Three doorways in exterior wall. Central doorway 2.03 m. wide, adjacent doorway 1.29 m. wide. Doorway in rear wall 2.03 m. wide. Wood lintels above. .53 m. bottom of lintel to springline, exterior wall.

Rod Sockets: No data.

Cordholders: No data.

Rings: No data.

Wall Openings: Small, square holes in end walls, about .27 m. to top below offset at springline.

Platforms: L-shaped platform .35 m. high, in west end of room.

VAULTS:

Springline Offset: About .06 m.

Height: 2.22 m., springline to bottom of molding below capstones.

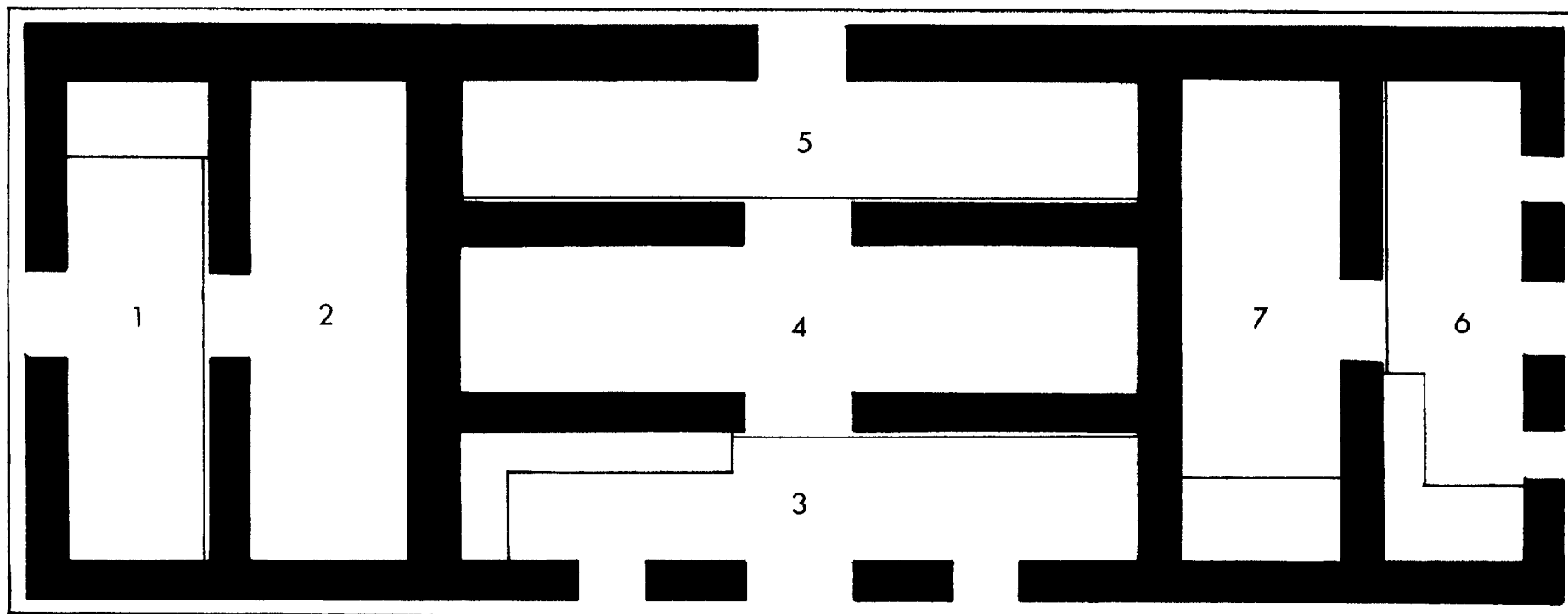
Form: Vault faces have straight sides.

Stonework: Vaults faced with 7 courses of well-cut, specialized stones with beveled faces.

Capstones: Capstone span about .40 m. Molding below capstone .15 m. high.

Crossbeams: Rows of crossbeams just below springline. Additional rows of crossbeams just above springline and about .34 m. below capstone molding.

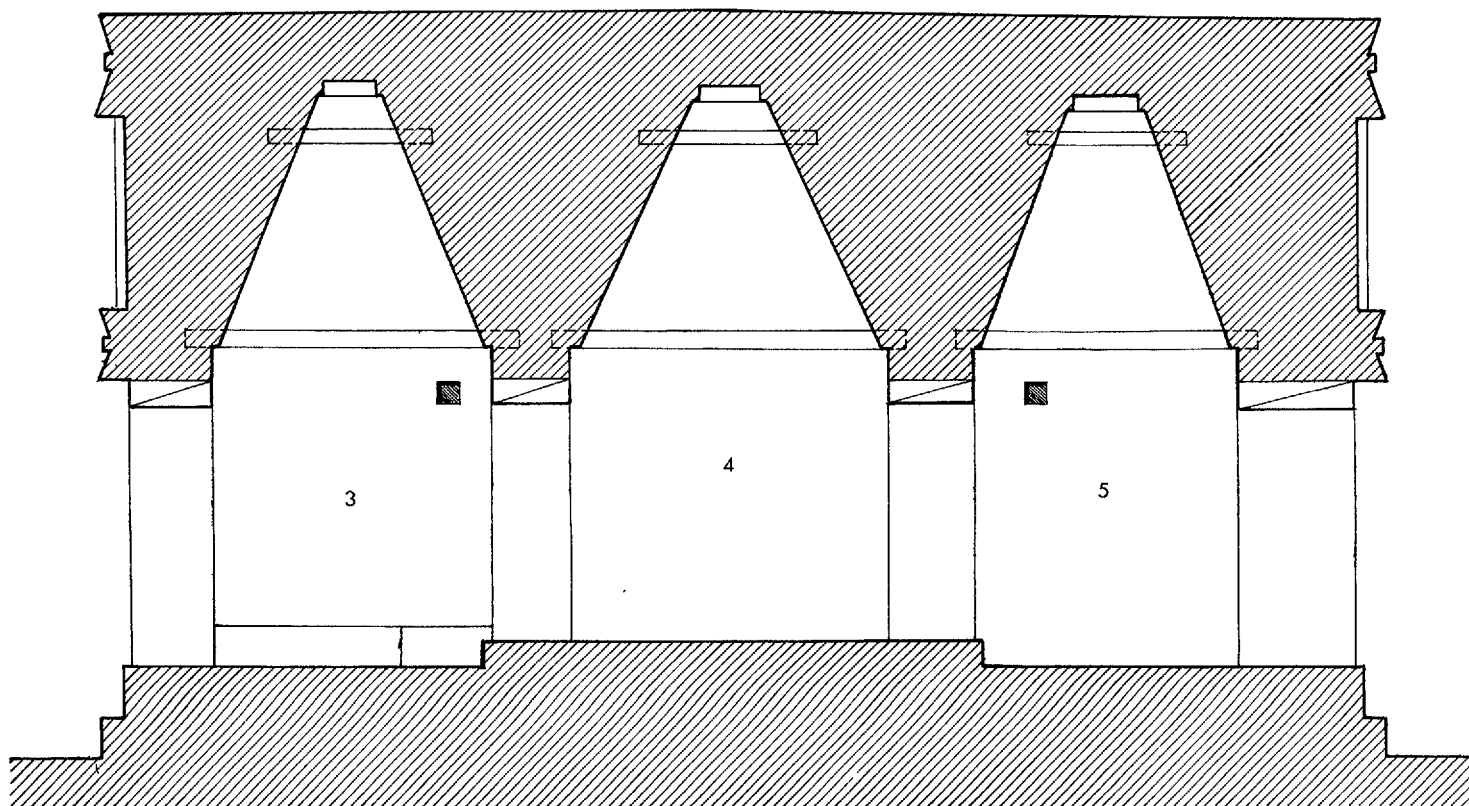
OBSERVATIONS: Quality of stonework seen in both walls and vaults is excellent and compares favorably with stonework seen in Governor's Palace and in Nunnery buildings.



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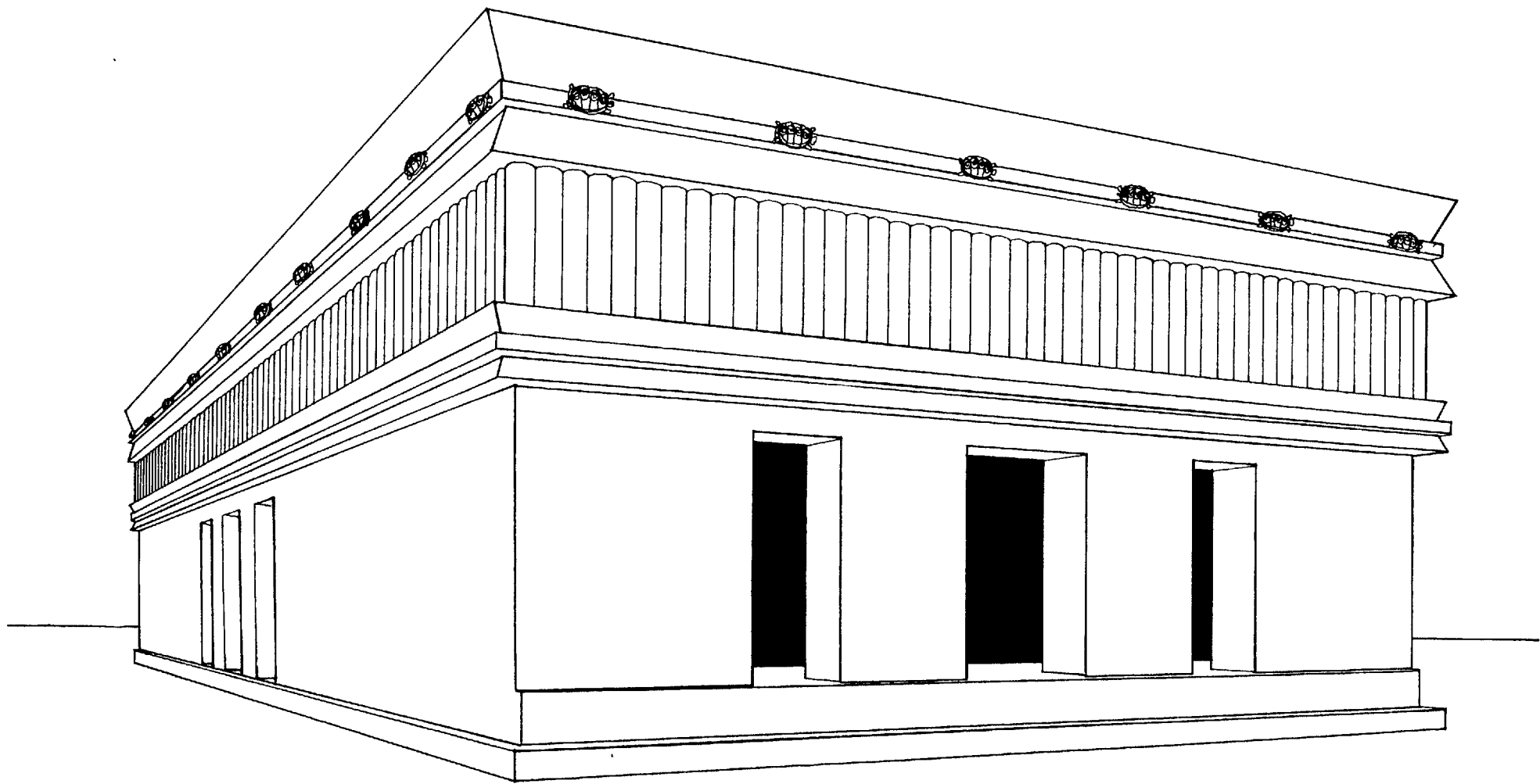
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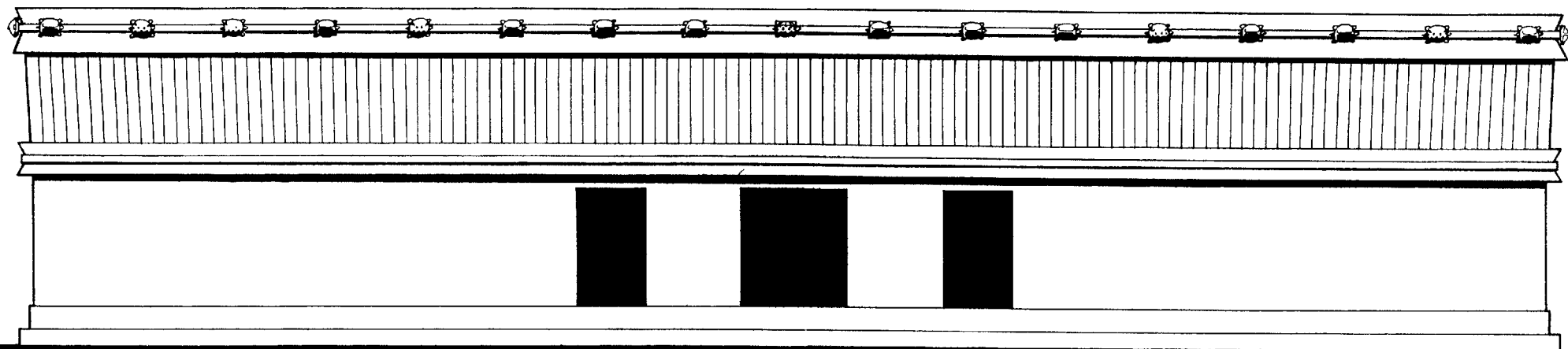
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South Elevation (restored)

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HOUSE OF THE GOVERNOR

HOUSE OF THE GOVERNOR (Governor's Palace)

The building commonly known as The House of the Governor is probably the best-known building in the entire Puuc archaeological region and has been described and illustrated by dozens of authors over a period of four hundred years. The earliest description, from 1586, set the general tone for all later descriptions when it characterized this building as being of "extraordinary sumptuousness and grandeur, and like the others, very fine and beautiful". Out of all the succeeding descriptions up to 1987, those of Stephens (1843), Seler (1917) and Ruz (1956) offered the most complete and/or detailed architectural data. I am also confident that Maler's data (1887), which has not yet been published, would add significantly to our knowledge of the original condition of the House of the Governor prior to its recent excavation and restoration. All earlier descriptions and analyses were superceded in 1987, however, with the publication of Jeff Kowalski's PhD thesis on this extraordinary building, which examines every aspect of its construction and decoration in minute detail. Short of further excavations into its supporting platforms and substructure, Kowalski's documentation seems to make further descriptions redundant. Nevertheless, I am including my own data on the House of the Governor, recorded mostly during 1973-74, on the grounds that it provides readers with basic architectural data in a compact form, as well as basic architectural drawings, based on careful measurements. Beyond this, the data on the House of the Governor constitutes a fundamental part of my extensive architectural survey at Uxmal, which now includes the documentation of 40 individual buildings in 20 different groups.

The House of the Governor rests on the uppermost platform of a series of four superimposed platforms. The lowest platform (Platform 1), which measures about 190 m. long on the east side and 173 m. on the north side, averages slightly more than one meter high. The second platform, which is about 7.60 m. high, measures 164.0 m. long on the east side and 152 m. on the north side, including the extension to the west which partly supports the House of the Turtles. This platform has stepped sides (5 steps with slightly sloping faces), and two projecting stairways have recently been uncovered on the north side.

The first of these, which is about 6.08 m. wide, is directly in front of the central doorway of the House of the Turtles while the other, which is only about 4.56 m. wide, is situated some 60 m. to the east. This huge platform supports a number of small structures, including two altars, in addition to the third major platform which supports the House of the Governor. The latter platform is situated near the western edge of the main platform (Platform 2) and has a monumental stairway on its east side. In turn, this platform supports three small building platforms, upon which the three sections of the House of the Governor stand (see sketch plan).

SUBSTRUCTURES (Platforms 3 and 4)

The great terraced platform which directly supports the House of the Governor (Platform 3) is about 6.40 m. high and measures about 112.48 m. long and 27.86 m. wide at the top. It is terraced into four steps, with slightly inclined faces and rounded corners, and a broad stairway on the east side 41.06 m. wide, with a total of 26 risers, provides access to the building above. The three buildings of the House of the Governor rest on an additional three-part platform (Platform 4) which averages 1.06 m. high, with an additional stairway on the east side about 32.15 m. wide and 5 risers high. These platforms have a two-member molding along their upper edges and there are corner masks at the northeast and northwest corners of the platform supporting the northern wing. There is presently no indication of the location of stairways giving access to the platforms of the north and south wings, which probably were at the ends, in front of the north and south lateral rooms.

PORTAL VAULTS (Transverse Vaults)

The two portal vaults which divide the House of the Governor into three units are the highest and widest ever constructed by the ancient Maya. The south vault spans a distance of 5.23 m. (east side) but the north vault is 5.60 m. wide. Both measure about 5.87 m. high, from springline to bottom of capstones. In comparison, the monumental, free-standing portal vault at Kabah measures only 4.16 m. wide and 3.43 m. high, and the largest vaults over any of the rooms of the House of the Governor measure only 3.80 m. wide and no more than 4.26 m. high.

Originally, both the north and south portal vaults passed completely through the

building and their floors were at the top of the main platform (Platform 3) supporting the three sections of the House of the Governor. Over time, a number of changes and additions were made to the vaults, in part perhaps, as a perceived need to prevent the huge vaults from collapsing. The first change involved raising the floors of the vaults to the level of the floors in the adjacent rooms and extending the base molding across the front and rear of these raised portions to match the existing moldings of the adjacent wings. Following this, a central cross wall was constructed in both vaults and small rooms were created on both sides of the cross wall by walling in each end of the vault to the height of the medial molding of the adjacent wings,, which was then extended across the new walls. Finally, ante-chambers with two round columns in their doorways, were built in front of the vaults, with the outer face of the additions in the same plane as the exterior walls of the adjacent buildings. Ruz (1955,fig. 4) believed that these porticoes were covered over with very large representations of thatch-roofed huts. While the hut forms seem out of character with the adjacent facades, they may have been chosen on the basis of their symbolic content, rather than aesthetic considerations.

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STRUCTURE: GOVERNOR's PALACE

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The building proper is a very large, range-type building about 98.21 m. long and 11.75 m. wide overall. It is divided into three main parts (North Wing, Central Section, South Wing) by means of two very high portal vaults which run through the building from east to west. It has 20 rooms in all; 5 each in the North and South Wings and 10 in the Central Section. With the exception of the lateral rooms in the North and South Wings, which are entered from the north and south ends of the building, all of the rooms have doorways on the east side, including the 7 rear rooms behind Rooms 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17.

The facades are divided vertically into five major zones as follows: 1) three-member base, 2) plain lower wall zone, 3) three-member medial molding, 4) high upper wall zone, filled with mosaic-type sculpture, and 5) three-member cornice molding. Each of these zones is discussed in detail below.

ORIENTATION: 113 degrees (magnetic), perpendicular to main (east) facade.

EXTERIOR DETAILS: Details below are for East facade of Central Section.

BASE MOLDING

Form: Three members.

Size: .59 m. overall. Upper member .15 m. high, central member .26 m. Lower member .17 m. high.

Projection: .08 m. at top.

LOWER WALL ZONE:

Height: 2.65 m. top of base to bottom of medial molding.

Stonework: Walls faced with 8 courses of well-cut, veneer-type blocks, set in even courses. Exposed faces roughly square.

Thickness: Front wall 1.0 m. thick overall at doorjambs.

Decoration: None.

DOORWAYS:

Shape: Rectangular, with recessed jambs and head.

Jambs: Inner jambs faced with large slabs, full thickness of wall. Outer jambs faced with small corner stones.

Lintels: Wood lintels; original lintels now fallen and replaced with concrete lintels.

MEDIAL MOLDING:

Form: Three members. Outward sloping apron-type members top and bottom; rectangular central member.

Size: Overall height .66 m.

Projection: .40 m. at bottom.

Decoration: Projecting serpent heads in central member at corners, set at 45 degrees to main facade.

UPPER WALL ZONE:

Height: 3.54 m. top of medial molding to bottom of cornice.

Stonework: See Decoration, below.

Decoration: The upper wall zones on the east side of all three units are completely filled with an elaborate combination of geometric and curvilinear sculptural forms which include latticework, stepped frets, long-nosed masks, and a series of human figures, some of which rest on serpent heads. The upper wall zones on the north, south and west sides employ similar decorative motifs (but without the human figures), although the specific arrangement of the various components varies from the complex diagonal arrangements seen in the east facades. With the exception of the figurative sculptures in the east facades, all of the sculptures are executed as mosaics and Kowalski (1987: 132)) estimated that over 15,000 individual stones were required to complete the mosaic forms. See photos and restoration drawings for details of various facades and see Kowalski (1987) for detailed discussion of patterns and symbolism of decorative forms.

CORNICE:

Form: Three members - shallow, apron-type lower member with decorated central member above. High, outward sloping coping member at top, formed with 3 courses of stones.

Size: Overall height about 1.14 m. Lower 2 members .30 m. high total.

Projection: Varies - .15-.25 m. at bottom, depending on decorative elements below.

Decoration: Undulating, serpent-like form runs length of central member (see detail).

ROOF STRUCTURE: None.

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE: Late Uxmal style. See G.F. Andrews (1986) for detailed discussion of this style, and its relationship to the other classic Puuc styles.

SITE: UXMAL

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DATE: 4/29/1990

STRUCTURE: HOUSE OF THE GOVERNOR

INTERIOR DETAILS:

ROOM 1 - See separate data sheet.

ROOM 2 - See separate data sheet.

ROOM 3

Length: 6.69 m.

Width: 3.33 m.

Doorway: Exterior doorway, 1.52 m. wide.

ROOM 4

Length: 5.98 m.

Width: 3.79 m.

Doorway: Exterior doorway 1.50 m. wide.

SOUTH PORTAL VAULT

Length: 11.75 m. (approx.).

Width: 5.72 m.

Height: 5.87 m. springline to bottom of capstones.

ROOM 6 (Rear room)

Length: 8.08 m.

Width: 3.80 m. (approx.).

Doorway: 1.45 m. wide.

ROOM 7

Length: 7.84 m.

Width: 3.32 m. (approx.).

Doorway: Exterior doorway 1.53 m. wide.

ROOM 8

Length: 7.95 m.

Width: 3.80 m.

Doorway: Width uncertain - north jamb fallen.

ROOM 9 (Outer room)

Length: 7.94 m.

Width: 3.32 m. (approx.).

Doorway: Exterior doorway 1.53 m. wide.

Other: Low platform along rear wall, north end, same height as step up to rear room.

ROOM 10 - See separate data sheet.

ROOM 11 - See separate data sheet.

ROOM 12 (Rear room)

Length: 8.21 m.

Width: 3.90 m.

Doorway: Width uncertain, north jamb fallen.

ROOM 13 (Front room)

Length: 7.13 m.

Width: 3.38 m.

Doorway: Exterior doorway 1.52 m. wide.

ROOM 14 (Rear room)

Length: 7.18 m.

Width: 3.83 m.

Doorway: No data - both jambs fallen.

ROOM 15 (Front room)

Length: 8.40 m.

Width: 3.32 m.

Doorway: Exterior doorway 1.56 m. wide.

NORTH PORTAL VAULT

Length: 11.72 m. (approx.).

Width: 5.61 m.

Height: 5.87 m. (approx.) springline to bottom of capstones.

ROOM 16 (Rear room)

Length: 6.41 m.

Width: 3.83 m.

Doorway: Width uncertain - jambs fallen. .51 m. bottom of lintel to springline.

ROOM 17 (Outer room)

Length: 6.61 m.

Width: 3.30 m.

Doorway: Exterior doorway 1.52 m. wide.

ROOM 18

Length: 6.38 m.

Width: 3.26 m.

Doorway: Exterior doorway 1.53 m. wide.

ROOM 19 (Front room)

Length: 5.29 m.

Width: 2.81 m.

Doorway: Exterior doorway 1.40 m. wide.

ROOM 20 (Back room)

Length: 5.31 m.

Width: 2.83 m.

Doorway: 1.48 m. wide. .53 m. bottom of lintel to springline..

OBSERVATIONS: The details of all rooms show a high level of consistency, and the treatment of walls and vaults, as well as smaller details such as rings, "vent" holes, lintels, rod sockets, etc. are virtually the same in all rooms, aside from small differences in dimensions. It is noteworthy that only Room 9 has a low platform, or bench, along one side of rear wall, and this may very well be a late addition. In all rooms, the stonework is excellent, as good as can be found anywhere in the entire Puuc region, and the edges of springlines and moldings below capstones are very straight, and surfaces of walls and vaults are extremely smooth.

SITE: UXMAL

NUMBER: 16Qd(10): 1

DATE: 4/29/1990

STRUCTURE: GOVERNOR'S PALACE

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 1 (Inner Room, South End)

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 5.18 m.

Width: 3.03 m.

WALLS:

Height: 2.66 m. floor to springline.

Thickness: Dividing wall 1.04 m. thick overall. Inner part .78 m. thick.

Stonework: Walls faced with 8 courses of good sized, well-cut veneer-type blocks.

Doorways: Doorway in dividing wall 1.42 m. wide. Bottom of lintel to springline .51 m. Original sculptured wooden lintel replaced with new wooden lintels.

Rod Sockets: Uncertain - jambs reconstructed.

Cordholders: None visible.

Rings: Uncertain - wall reconstructed.

Wall Openings: Small hole in west end wall .12 m. wide, .18 m. high. Top is .25 m. below springline.

Platforms: None.

Other: Vault intact. Room well preserved.

VAULTS:

Springline Offset: Varies - .07 m. rear wall, .12 m. front wall.

Height: Uncertain. (Difficult to measure, due to extreme height)

Form: Vault faces have straight sides.

Stonework: Vault faced with 13 courses of well-cut, boot-shaped stones.

Capstones: Capstone span about .35 m.

Crossbeams: Single crossbeams near ends of room just above springline. Two additional crossbeams at bottom of 8th course of stone above springline. Row of 7 crossbeams at bottom of first course of stones below capstone molding.

Other: Room very similar to outer room.

OBSERVATIONS: Other than carved lintels described by Stephens (1843), room shows no special details not seen in typical rooms of this building.

SITE: UXMAL

NUMBER: 16Qd(10): 1

DATE: 4/29/1990

STRUCTURE: GOVERNOR'S PALACE

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 2 (Outer Room, South End)

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 5.31 m.

Width: 2.91 m.

WALLS:

Height: 2.93 m. floor to springline.

Thickness: Exterior wall .90 m. thick total. .53 m. thick at inner doorjamb.

Stonework: Walls faced with 9 courses of well-cut veneer-type blocks set in even courses.

Doorways: Exterior doorway 1.41 m. wide, 2.20 m. high. Wood lintel above.

Rod Sockets: Unclear - jambs reconstructed. One socket visible near top of east jamb.

Cordholders: None visible.

Rings: Stone rings both sides of doorway, just below springline. Rings now broken off.

Wall Openings: Small "vent" hole centered in west end wall. Top is at same height as bottom of medial molding on west side.

Platforms: None.

Other: Step up to rear room (Room 1) .20 m. high, projects .06 m. at top.

VAULTS:

Springline Offset: About .05 m.

Height: 4.15 m. springline to bottom of molding below capstones.

Form: Vault faces have straight sides.

Stonework: Vault faced with 13 courses of well-cut boot-shaped specialized stones.

Capstones: Capstone span about .30 to .33 m. Molding below capstones about .10 m. high.

Crossbeams:: Single crossbeams near both ends of room, just above springline. Two additional crossbeams near mid-point of vault, and row of 6 crossbeams at

bottom of first course of stones below capstone molding.

OBSERVATIONS: This is the room in which Stephens (1843) found a wooden lintel, carved with hieroglyphic inscriptions, which he removed and sent to "Mr. Catherwood's Panorama", and was later lost in a fire. According to Stephens, this beam was 3.04 m. long, .53 m. wide and .25 m. thick. While Stephens does not say so directly, the sculptured lintel must have come from the doorway to the rear room (Room 1) as the exterior doorway had already fallen.

SITE: UXMAL

NUMBER: 16Qd(10): 1

DATE 12/12/73

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 11 (Central Room, rear)

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 18.54 m. (approx.).

Width: 3.80 m.

WALLS:

Height: 2.74 m. floor to springline

Thickness: Dividing wall to Room 11 (front room) is 1.19 m. thick.

Stonework: Walls faced with 8 courses of well-cut, veneer-type blocks, set in even courses.

Doorways: Doorway to exterior room (Room 11) 2.05 m. wide, wood lintel above. Jamb is recessed on east side.

Rod Sockets: Small rod sockets (.06 m. diameter) high and low in both jambs. Upper socket .30 m. below lintel, lower sockets .40 and .50 m. above floor (see section).

Cordholders: None.

Rings: Stone rings both sides of doorway, .23 m. to center below springline.

Wall Openings: None noted.

Platforms: None.

VAULTS:

Springline Offset: About .05 m.

Height: 4.05 m. (approx.) springline to bottom of capstone molding.

Form: Vault faces have straight sides.

Stonework: Vault faced with 12 courses of well-cut, boot-shaped stones with beveled faces, plus special springline course deeply tailed into hearting.

Capstones: Capstone span about .43 m. Molding below capstones .15 m. high.

Crossbeams: Three rows, same as in outer room (Room 11), except that there are 8 beams in upper row, compared to 12 in outer room.

OBSERVATIONS: Rear wall of this room about 2.43 m. thick.

SITE: UXMAL

NUMBER: 16Qd(10): 1

DATE: 12/12/73

STRUCTURE: GOVERNOR'S PALACE

INTERIOR DETAILS: Room 11 (Central Room, Exterior)

DIMENSIONS:

Length: 18.54 m.

Width: 3.32 m.

WALLS:

Height: 2.94 m. floor to springline.

Thickness: Exterior wall 1.01 m. thick total at doorjamb.

Stonework: Walls faced with 9 courses of well-cut, veneer-type blocks set in even courses.

Doorways: Central exterior doorway 2.07 m. wide. Adjacent doorways 1.83 m. wide. Wood lintels above, .68 m. bottom of lintel to springline.

Rod Sockets: No data. Original jambs fallen.

Cordholders: None.

Rings: Stone rings both sides of doorway, .23 m. to center below springline, .48 m. to .53 m. from jambs. Rings .14-.15 m. in diameter.

Wall Openings: Six small "vent" holes in exterior wall, just below medial molding. Holes are .22 m. high and .12 m. wide.

Platforms: None.

Other: Step up to rear room about .20 m. high. Step continues as slightly projecting molding at bottom of rear wall.

VAULTS:

Springline Offset: About .05 m.

Height: 4.05 m. (approx.) springline to bottom of molding below capstones.

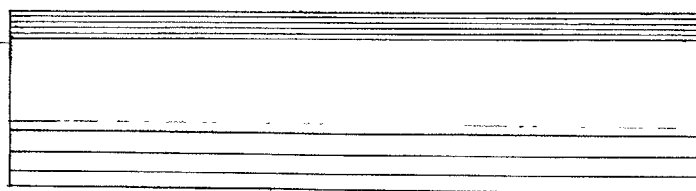
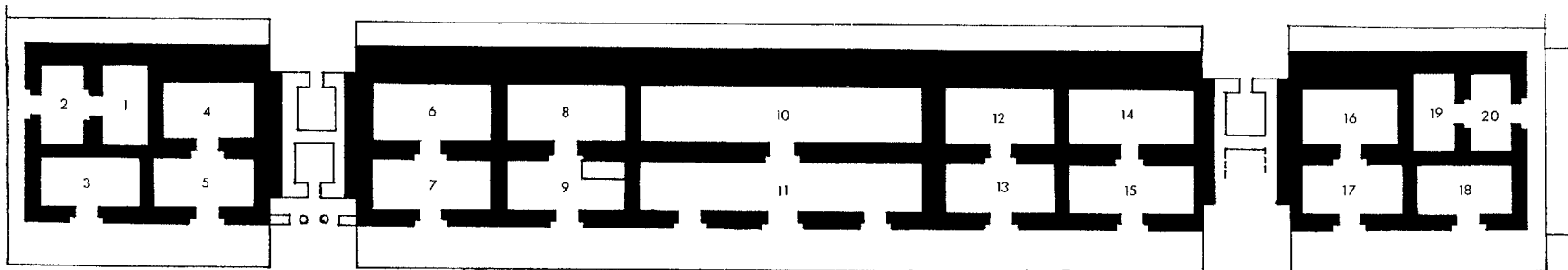
Form: Vault faces essentially straight.

Stonework: Vault faced with 12 courses of well-cut, boot-shaped stones with carefully beveled faces, plus springline course with long tapering tenon. 13 courses total.

Capstones: Capstone span about .43 m. Molding below capstones .15 m. high.

Crossbeams: Pairs of crossbeams near both ends of room and at 3rd points, at bottom of 5th course of facing stones below capstone molding, and row of 12 beams near top of vault, at bottom of 1st course of facing stones below capstone molding.

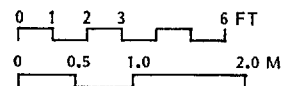
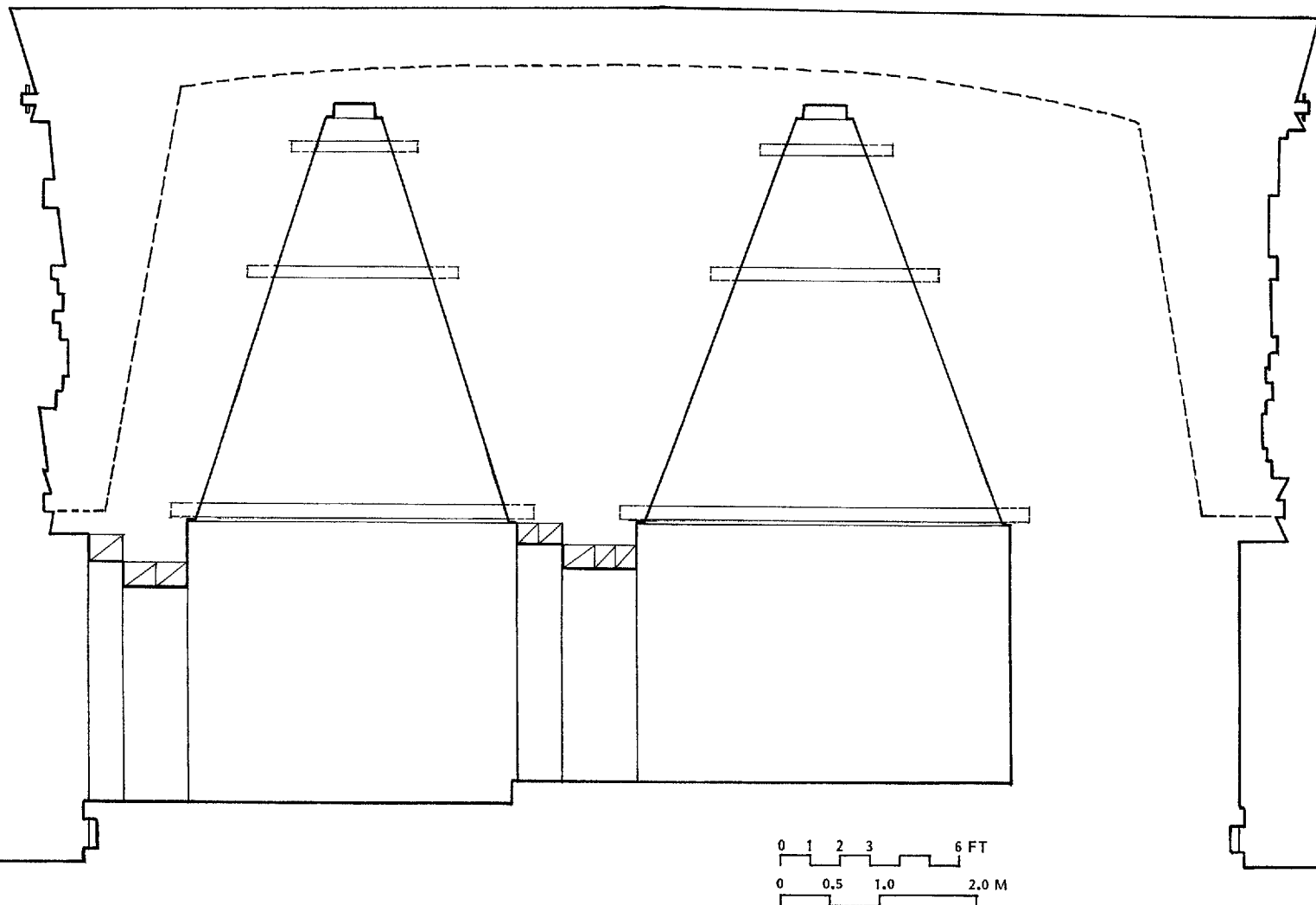
OBSERVATIONS: Vault over this room extremely high by normal Puuc standards but is typical for Late Uxmal style buildings.



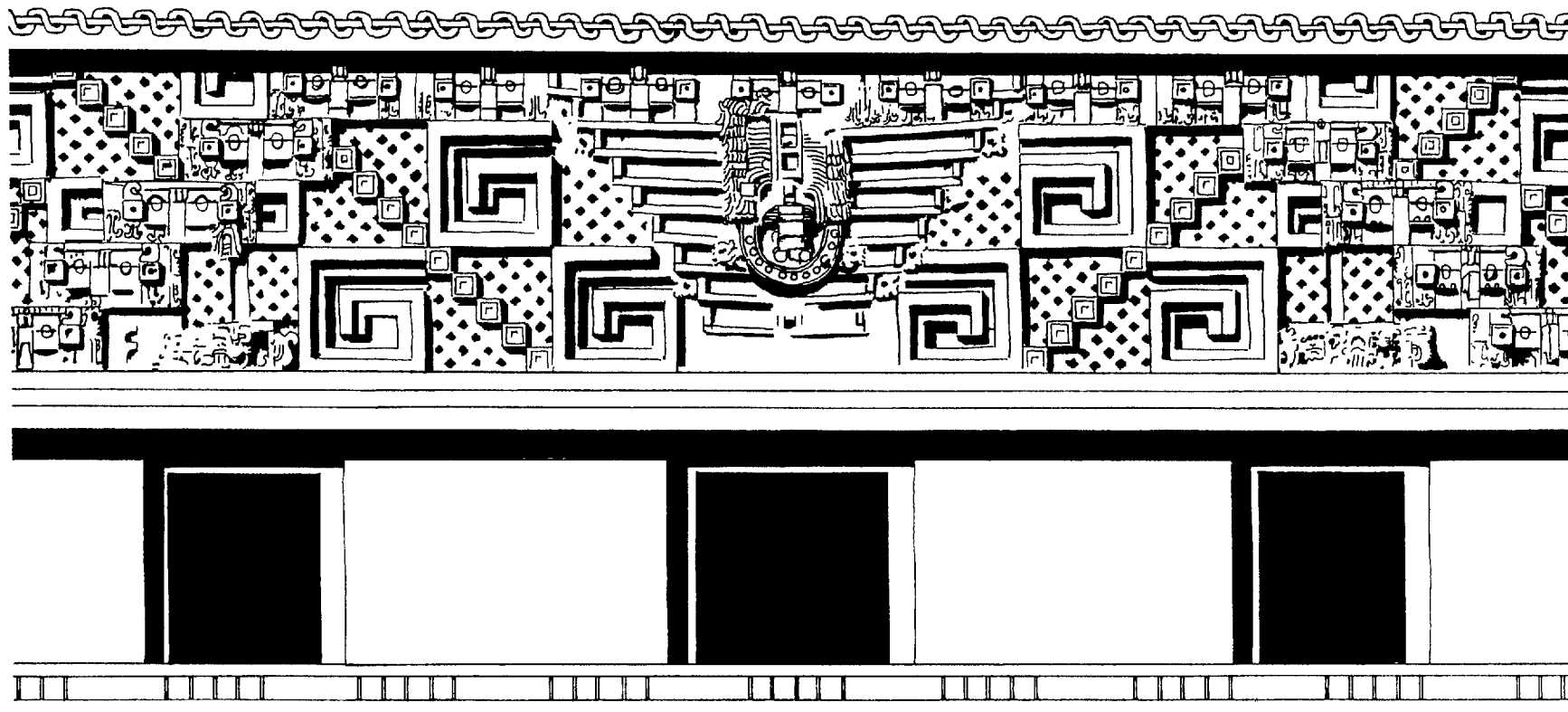
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Hand-drawn sketch of the House of the Governor at Uxmal, Yucatan, showing the two main pyramids and the surrounding wall.

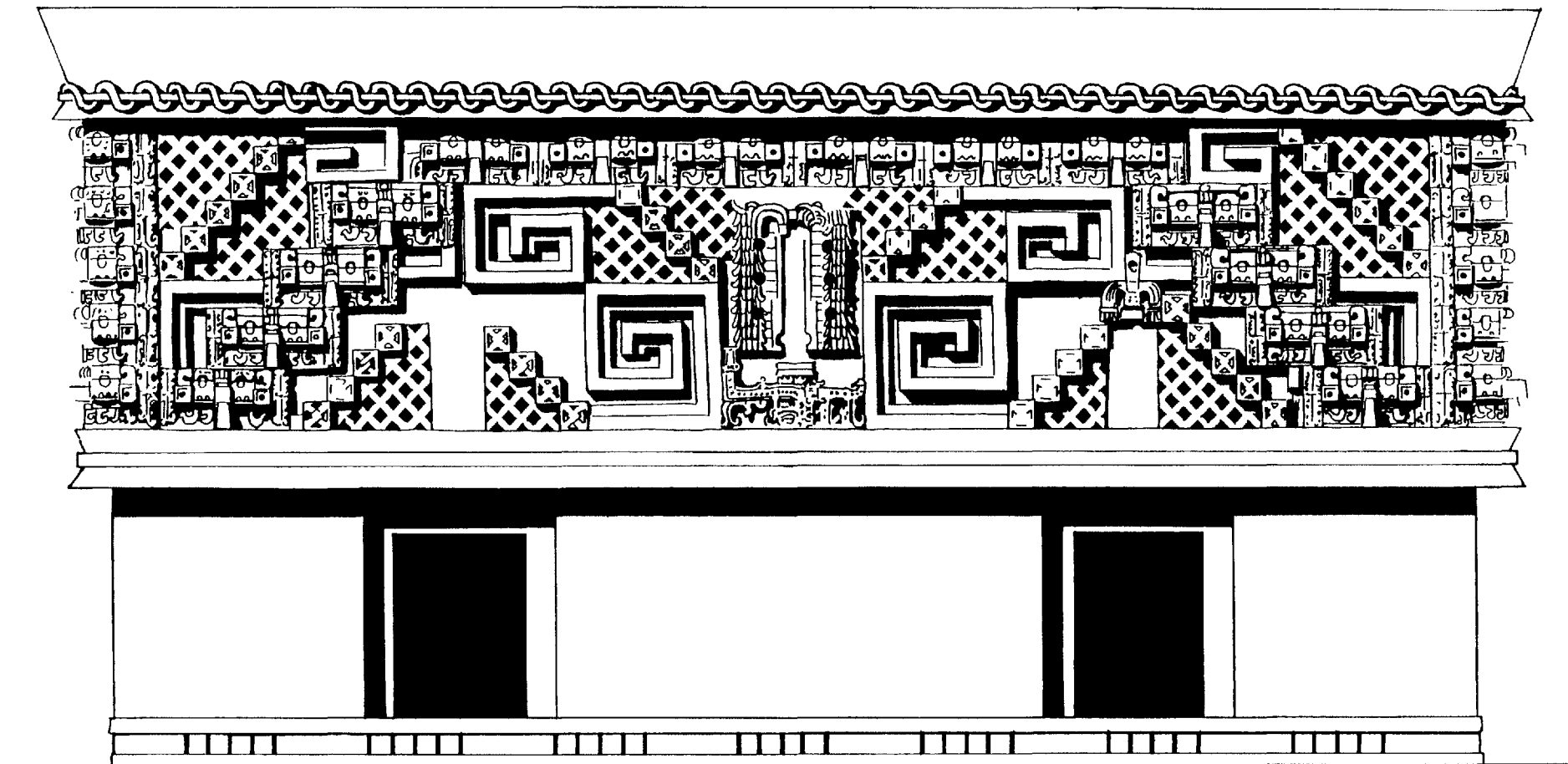
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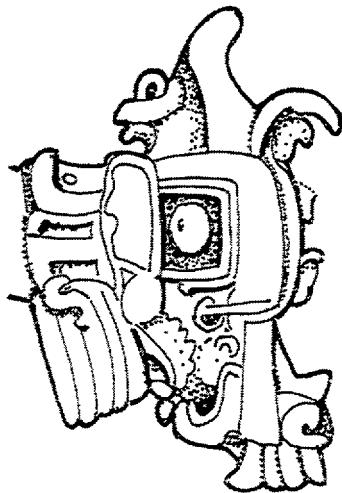
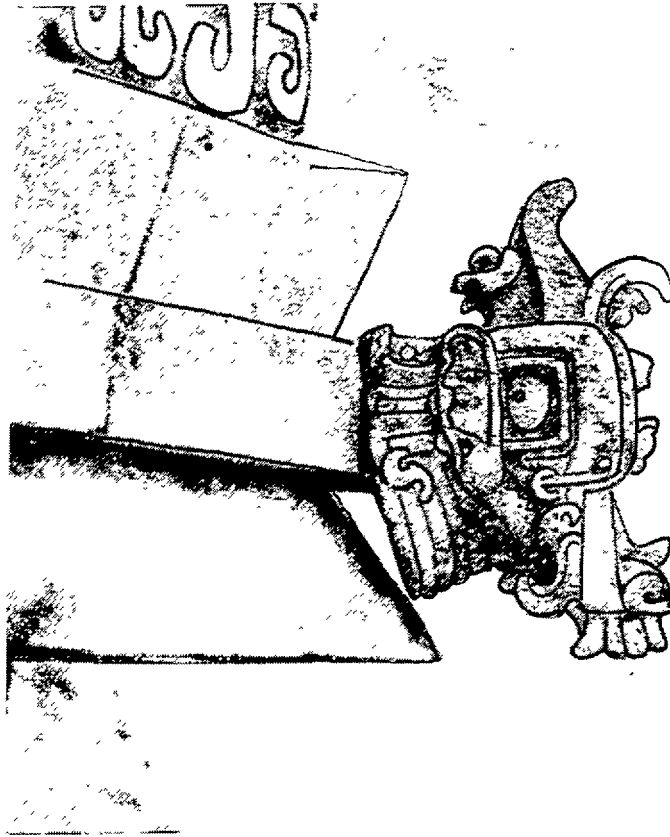
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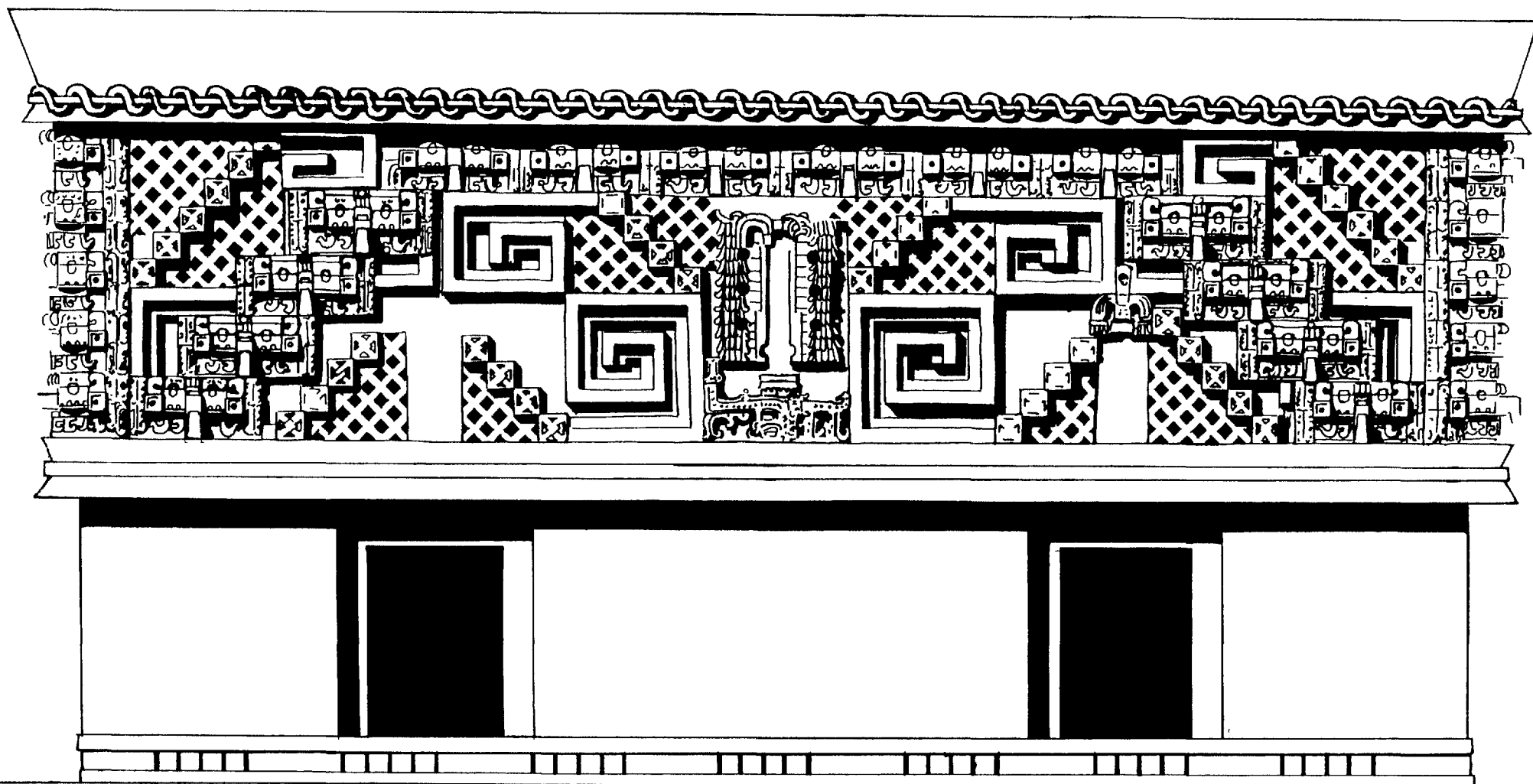
UXMAL, Palace of the Governor, North Wing, East Elevation

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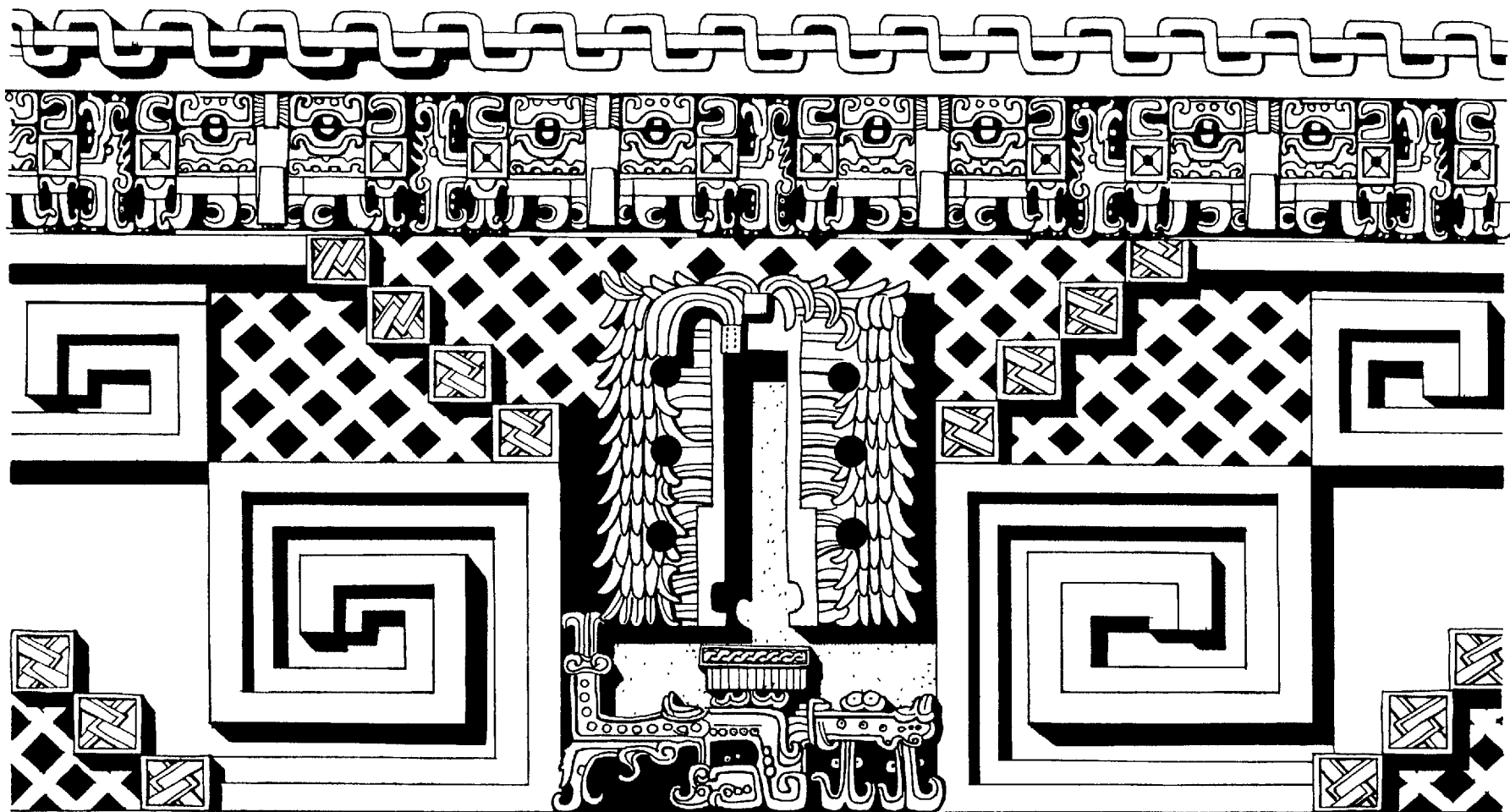
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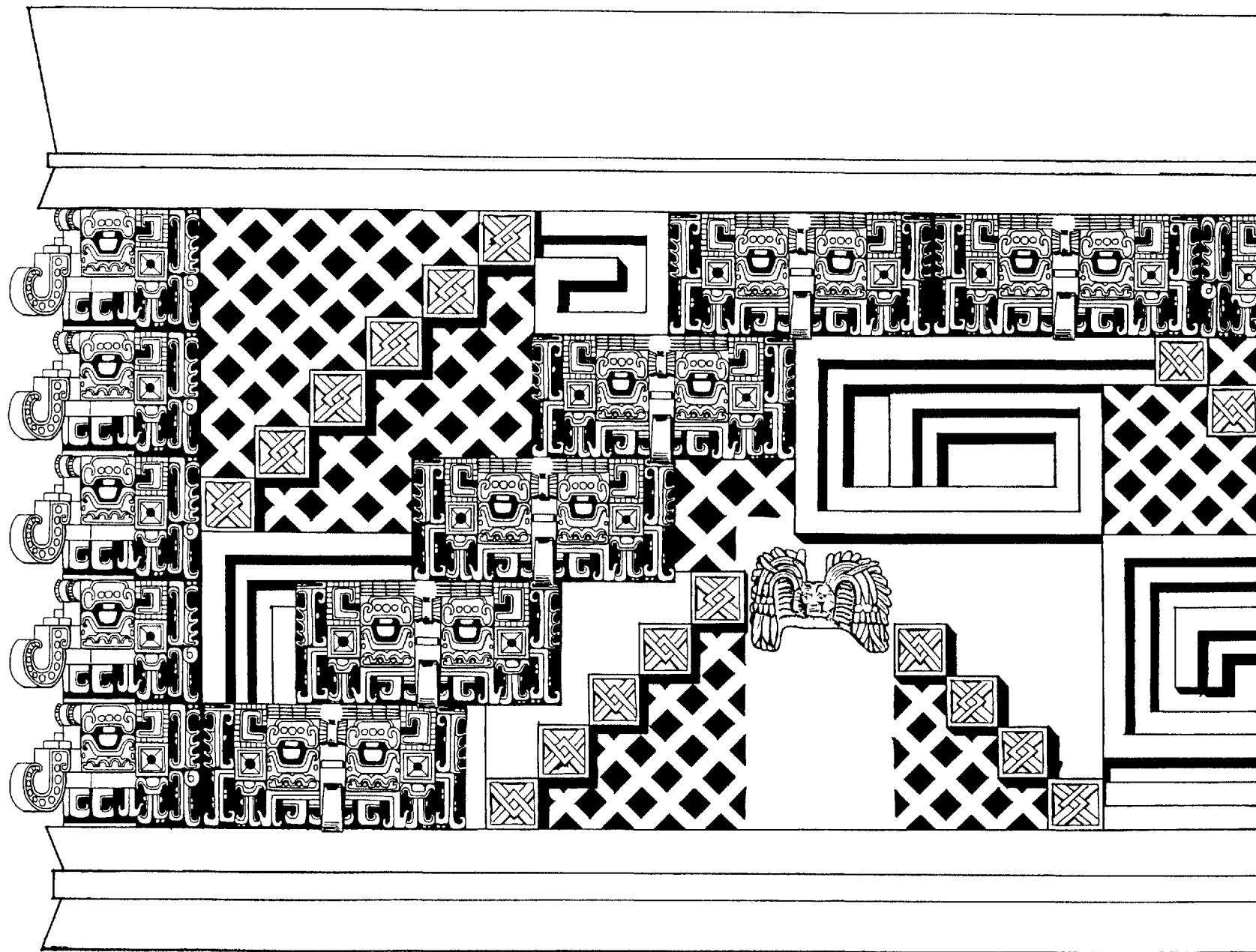
UXMAL, House of the Governor. Serpent head at corner of medial molding.



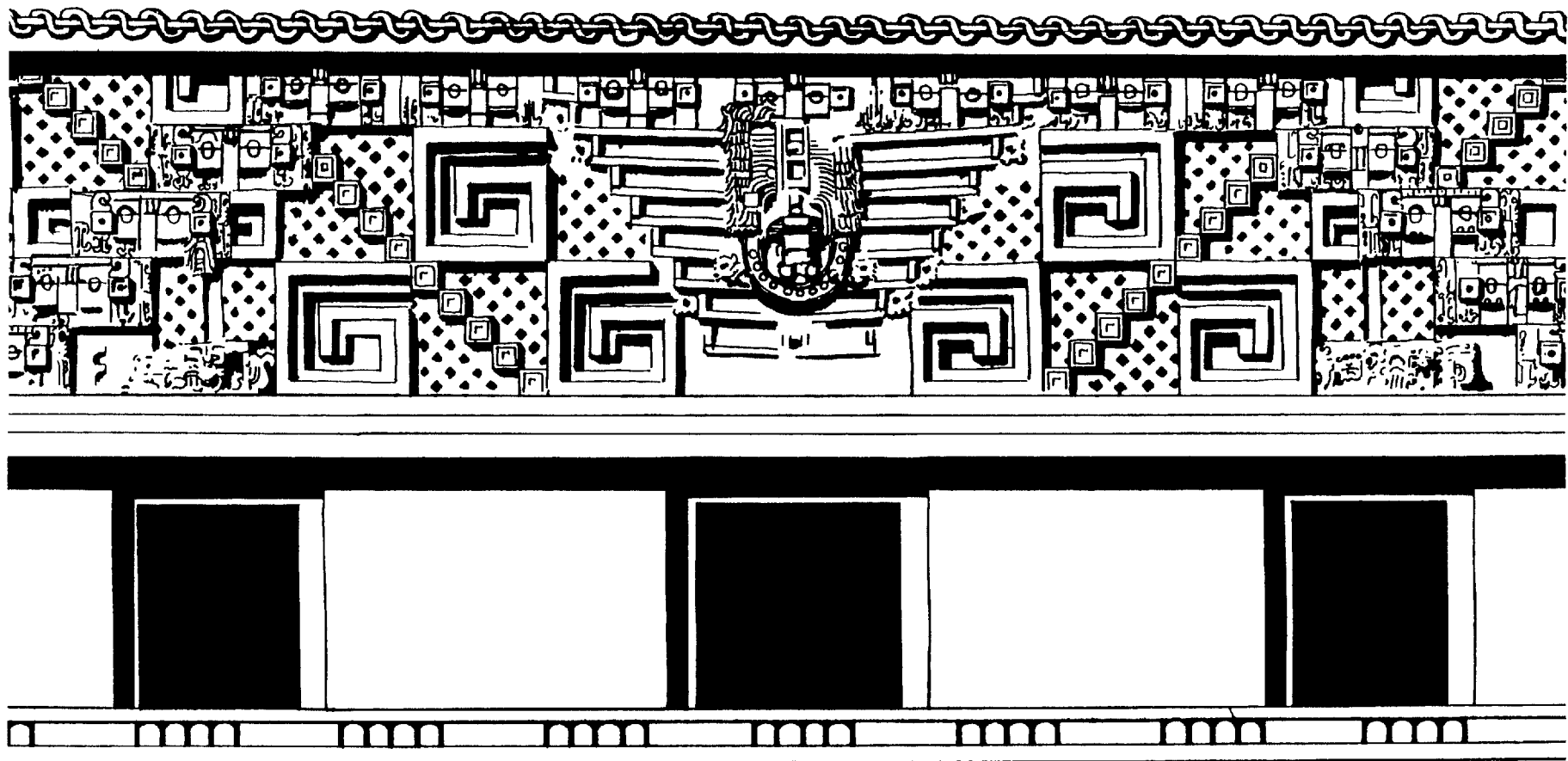
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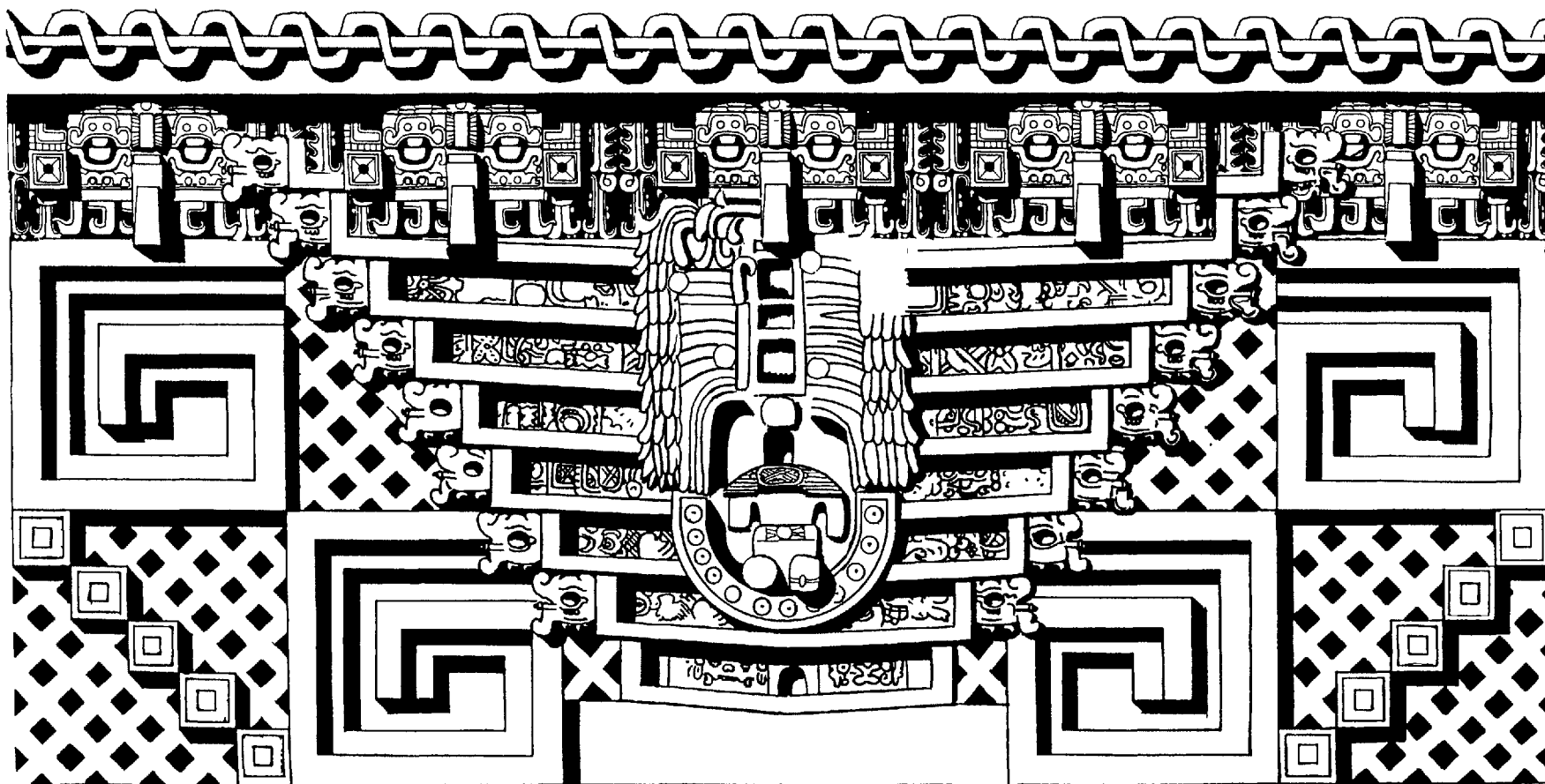
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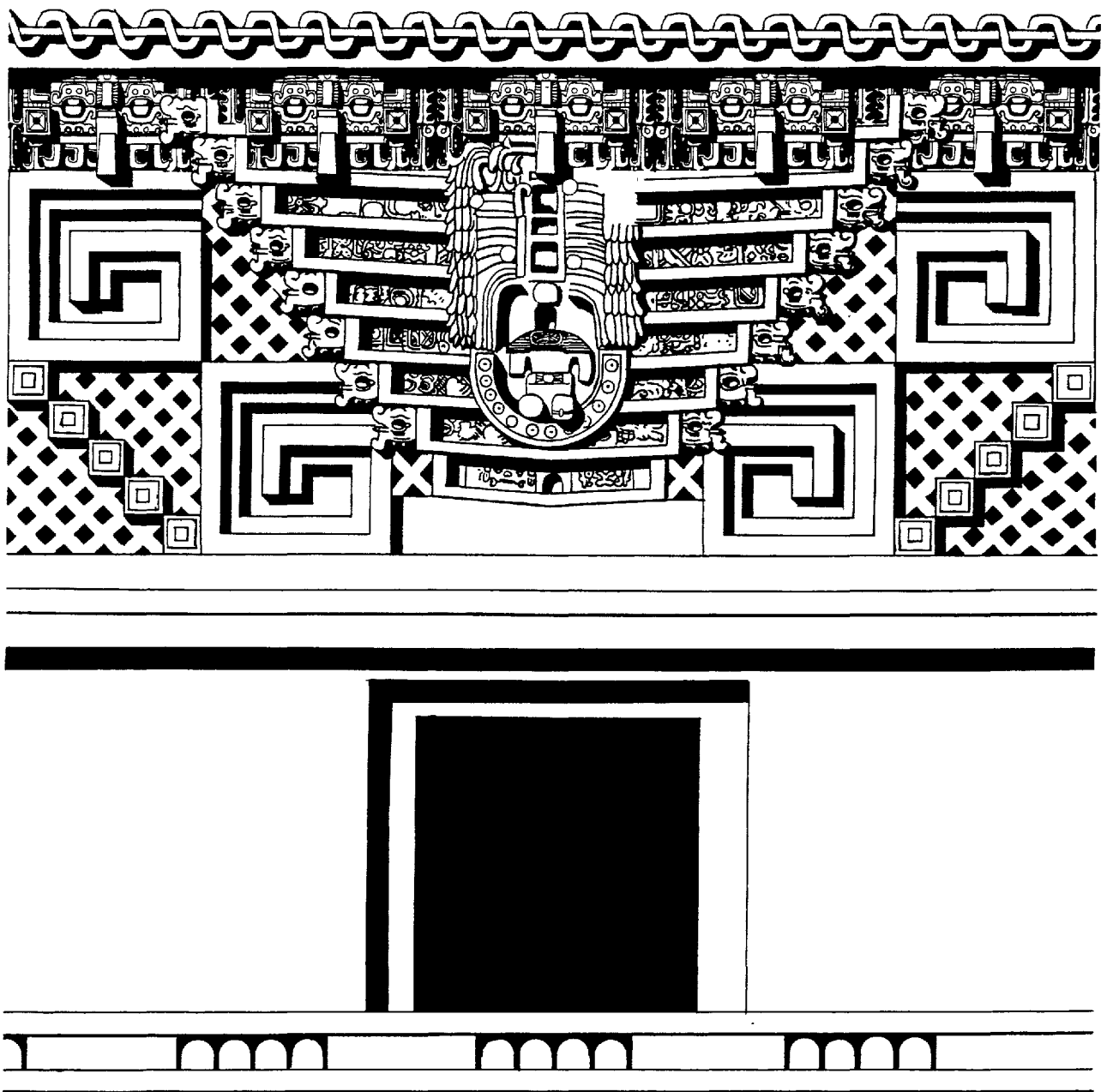
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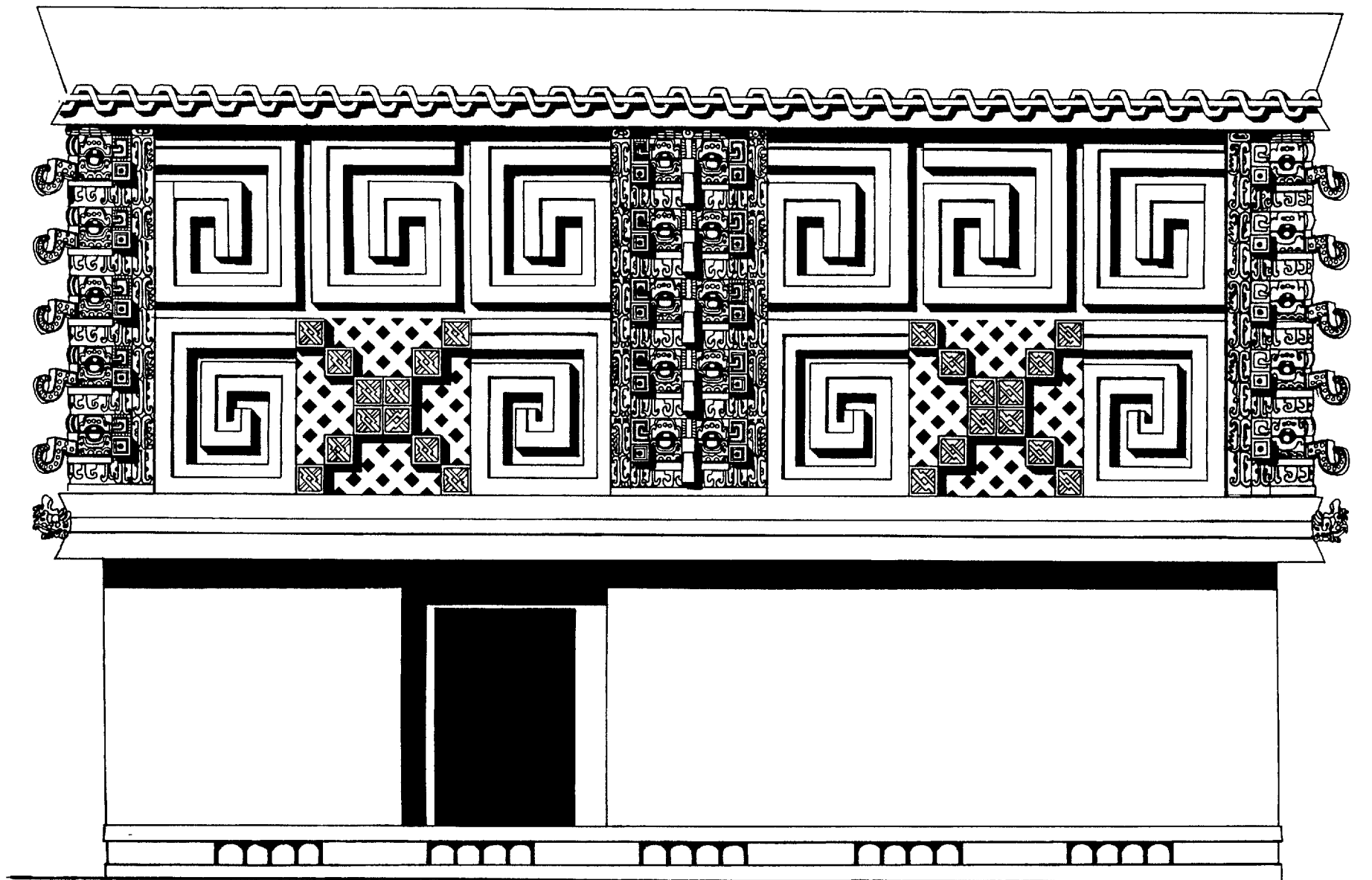
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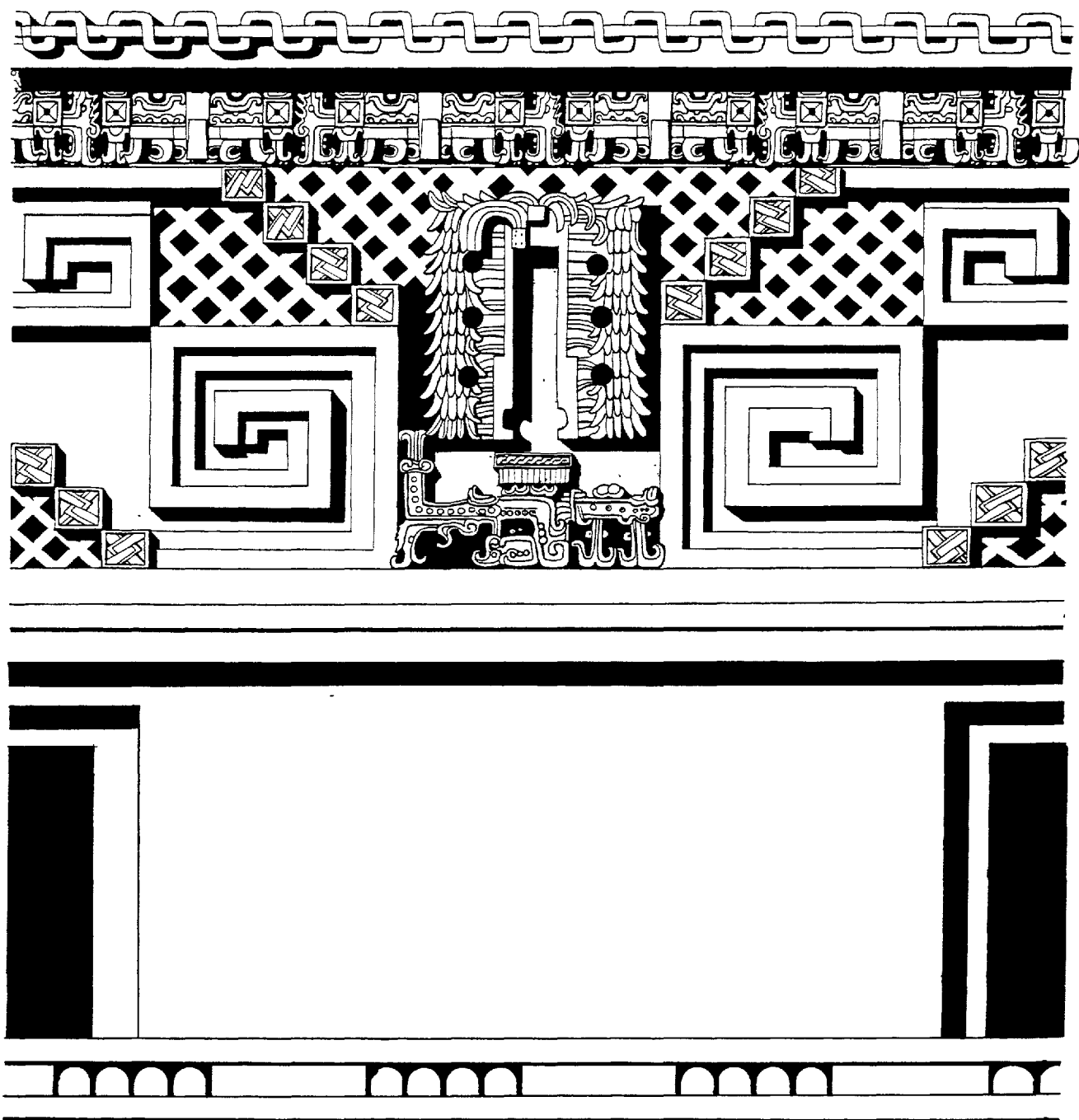
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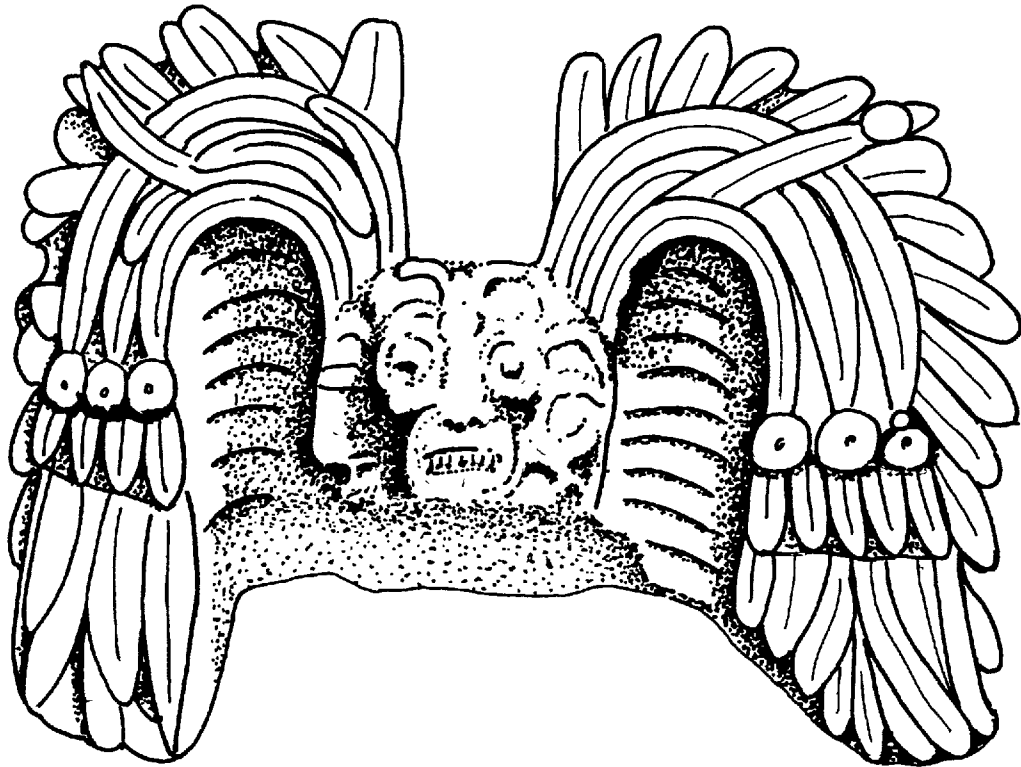
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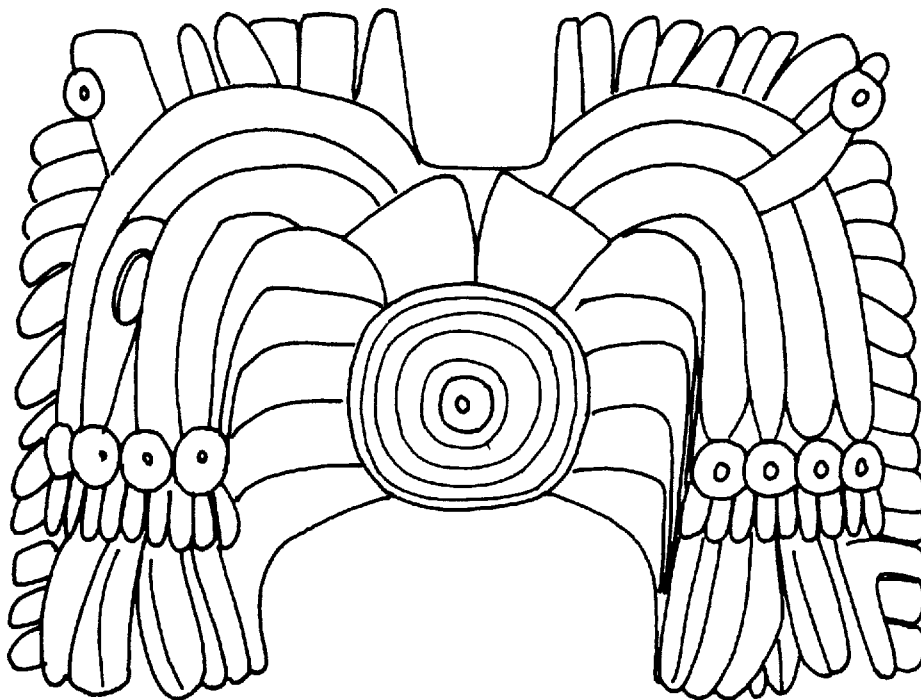
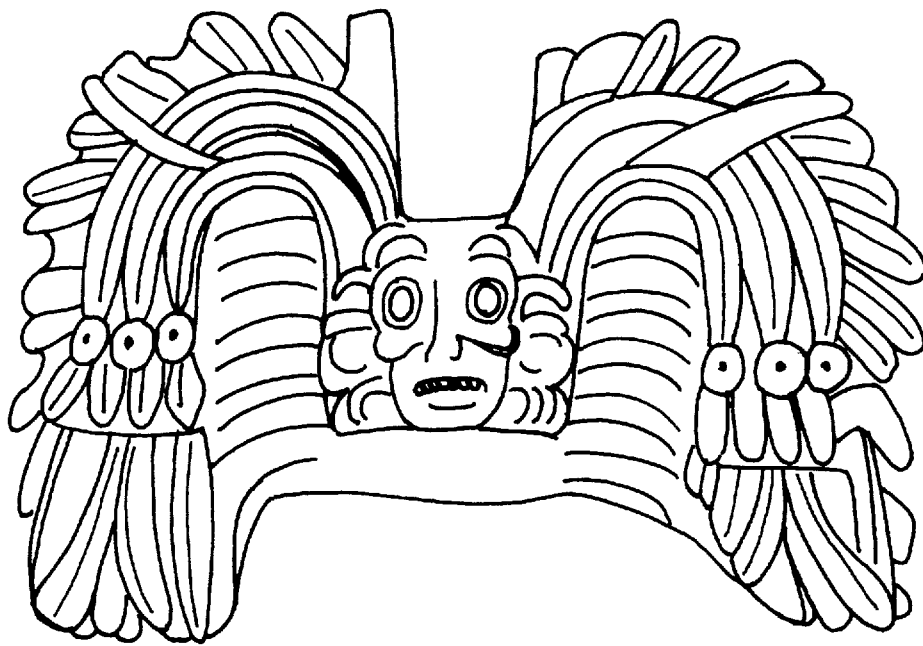
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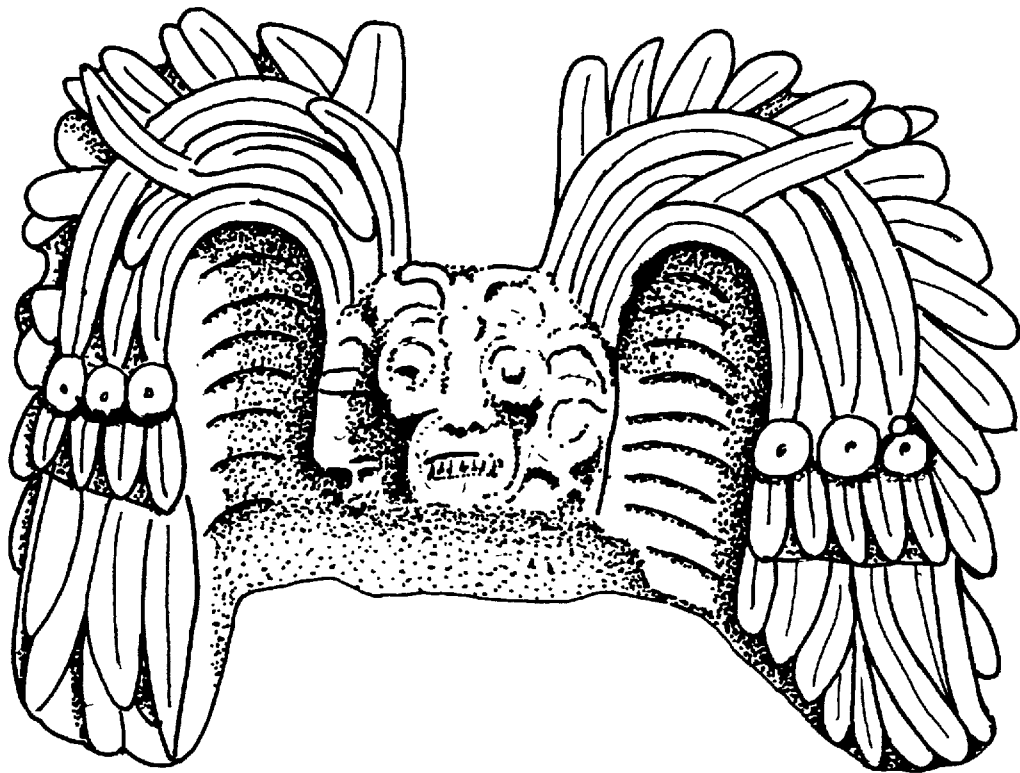
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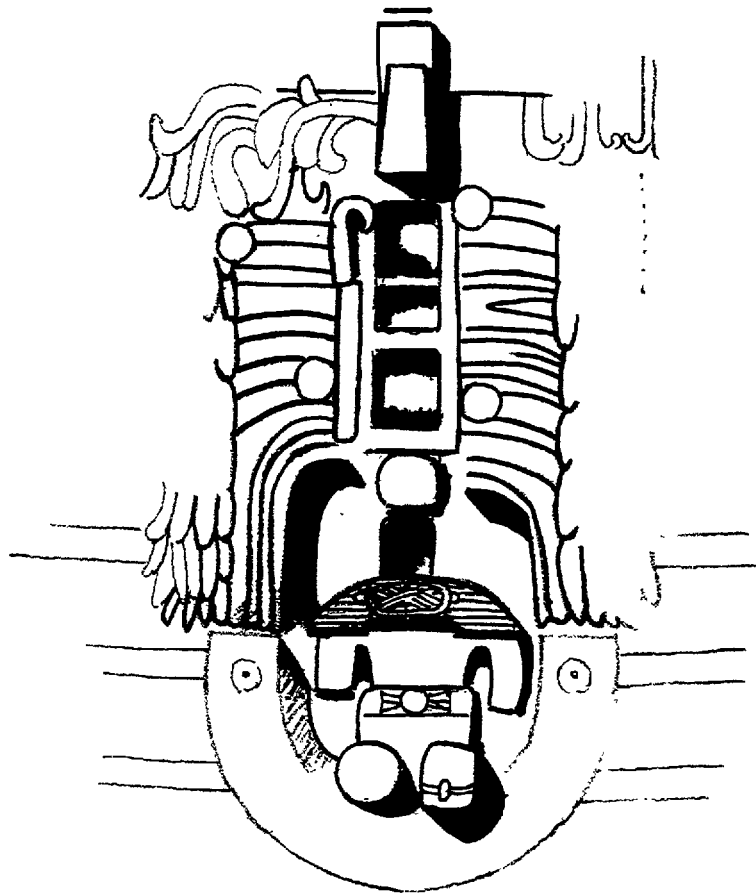
UXMAL, House of the Governor. Human skull with headdress from upper facade.



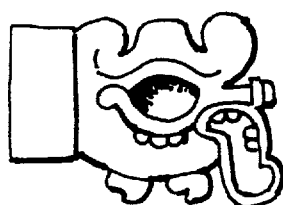
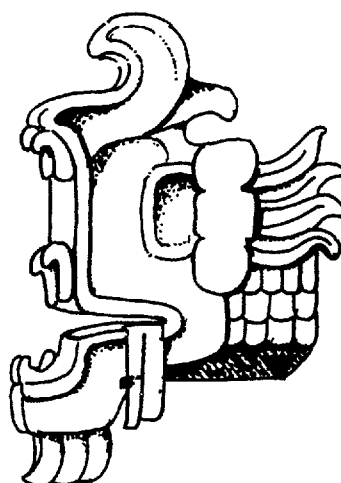
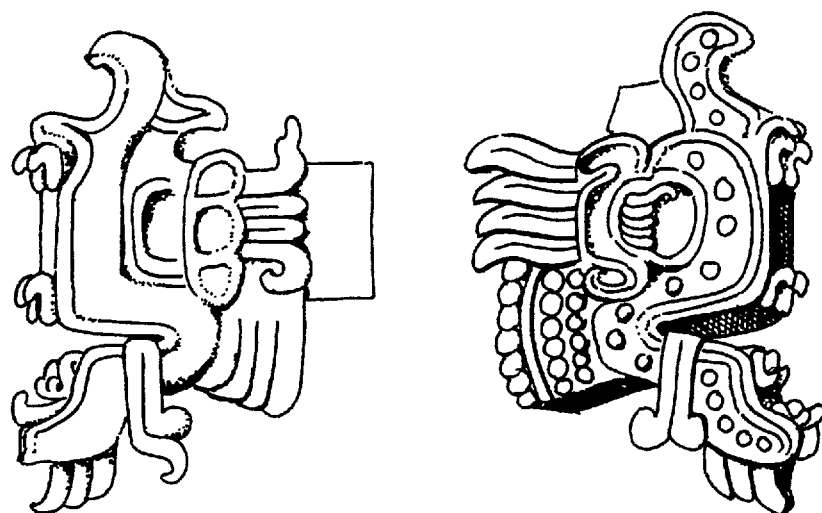
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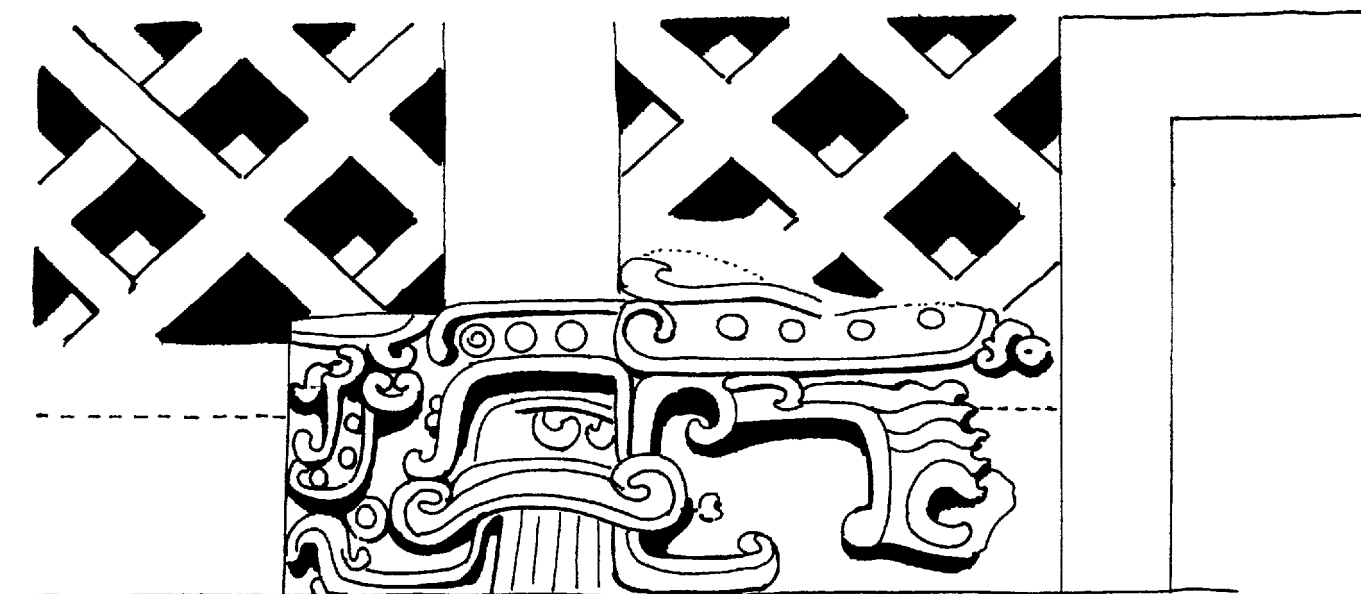
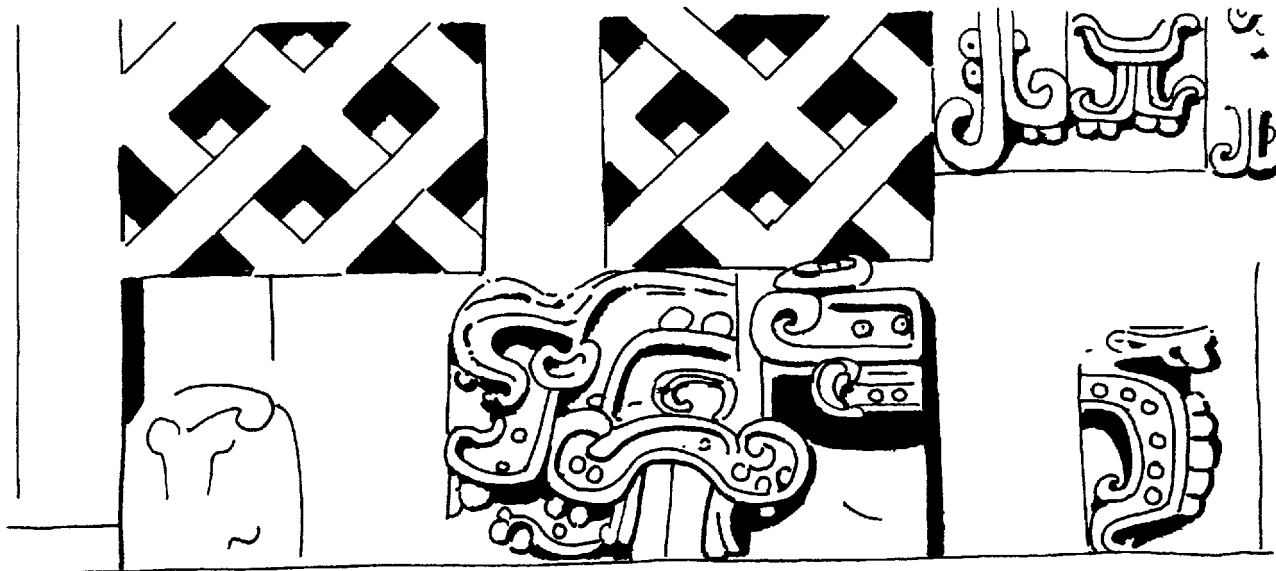
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HUMAN SKULL WITH HEADDRESS FROM EAST FACADE



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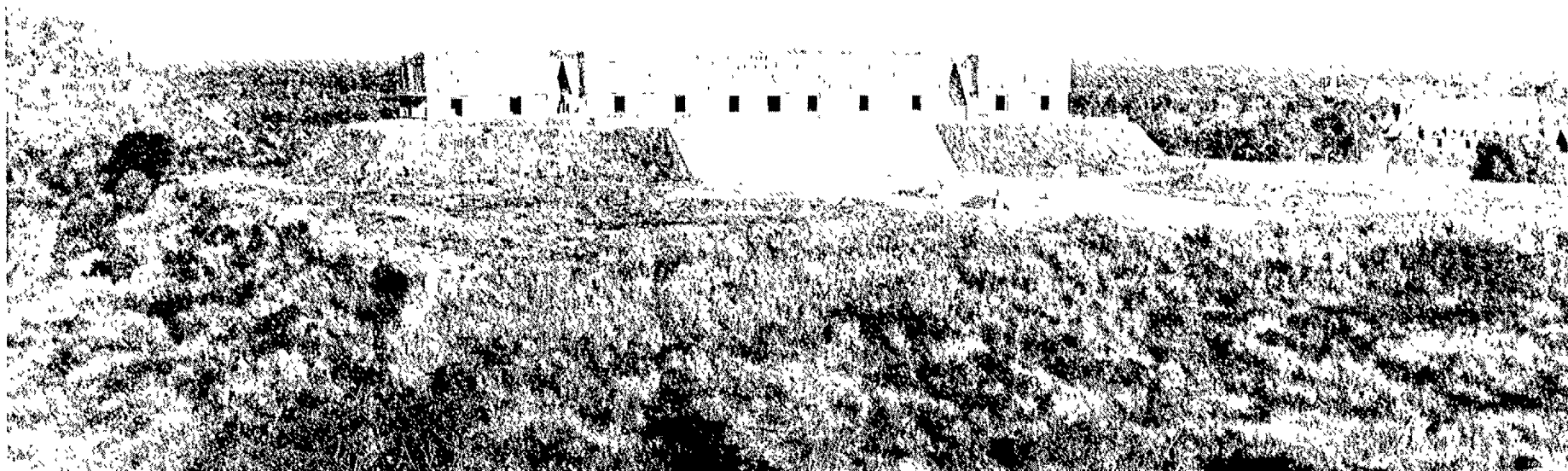


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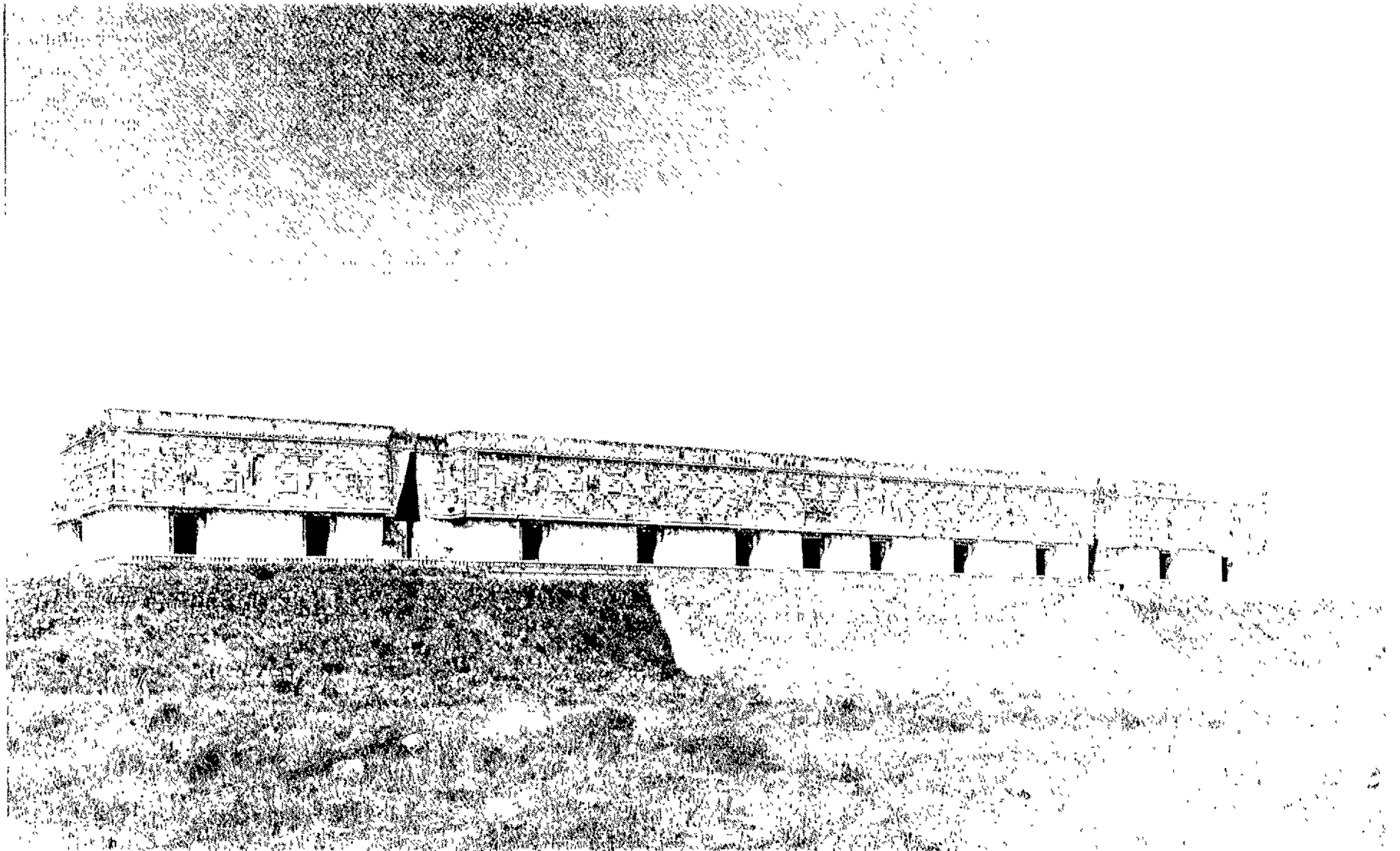
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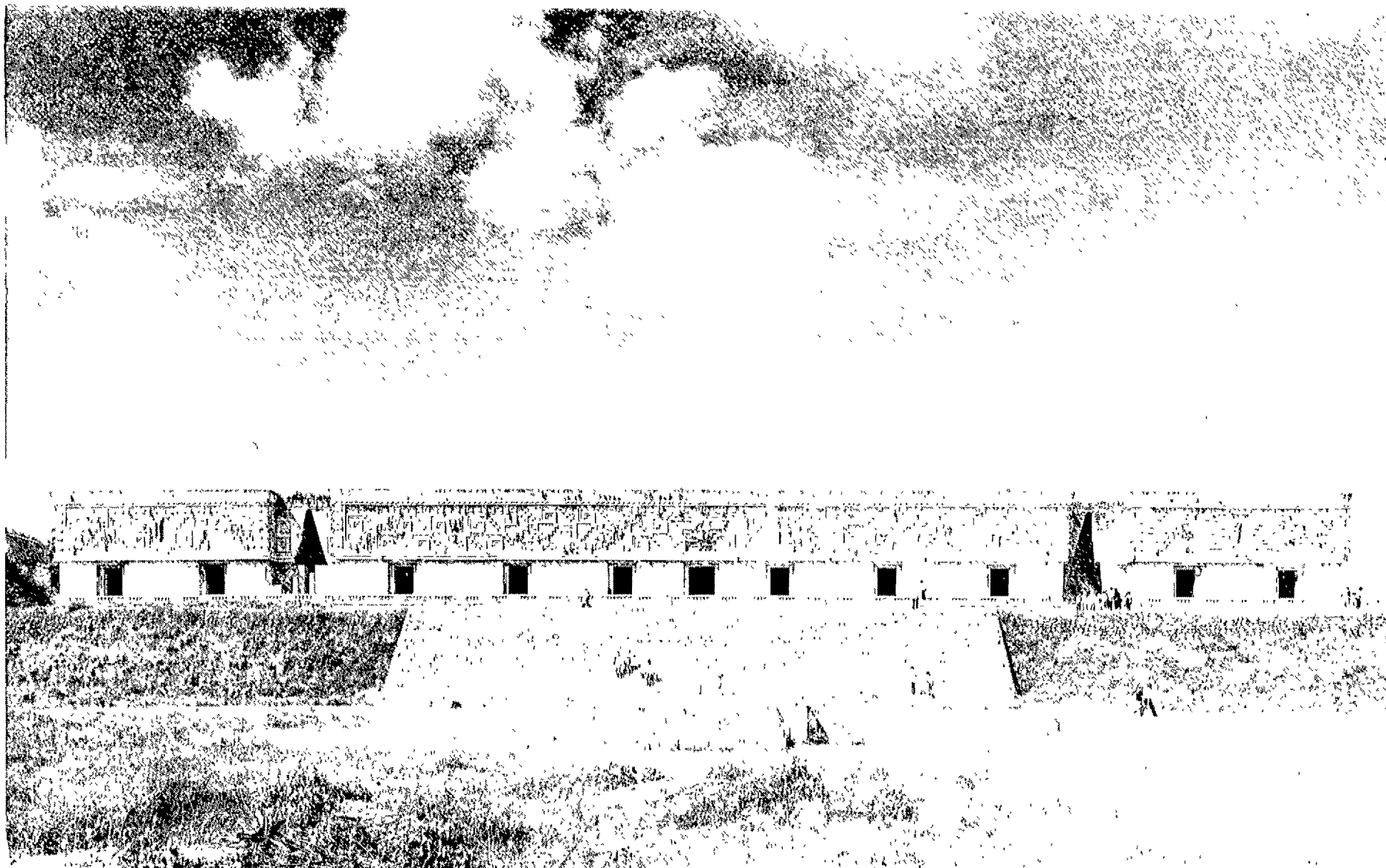


Uxmal, House of the Governor. View from Pyramid of the Old Woman, showing supporting platform with round corner.

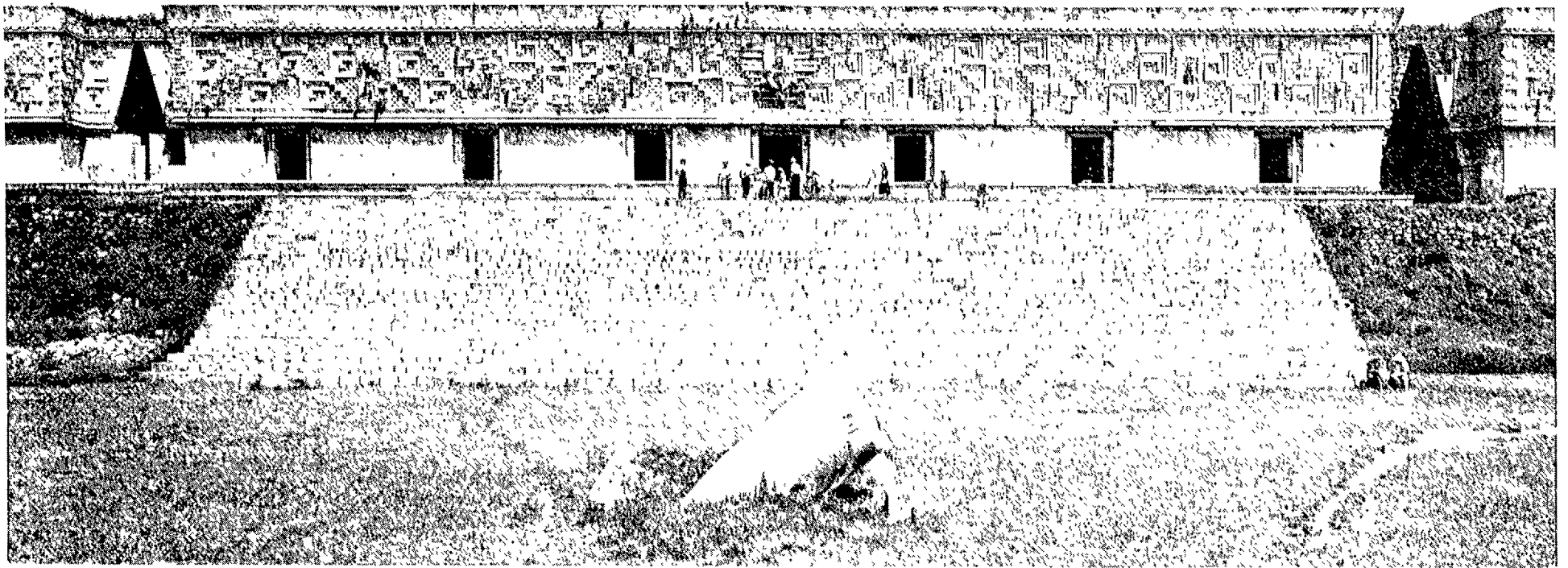




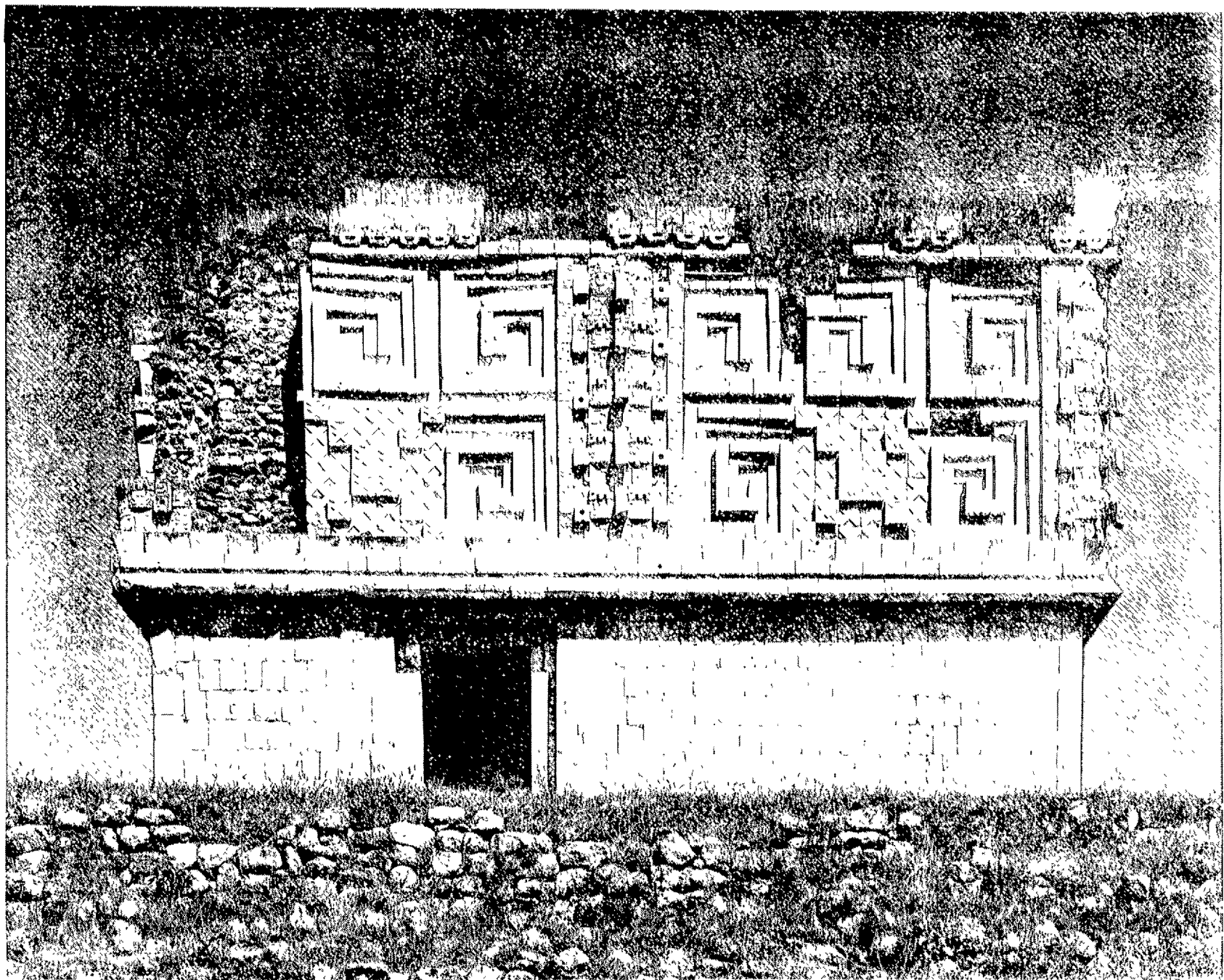
Uxmal, House of the Governor. View of principal [east] facade.

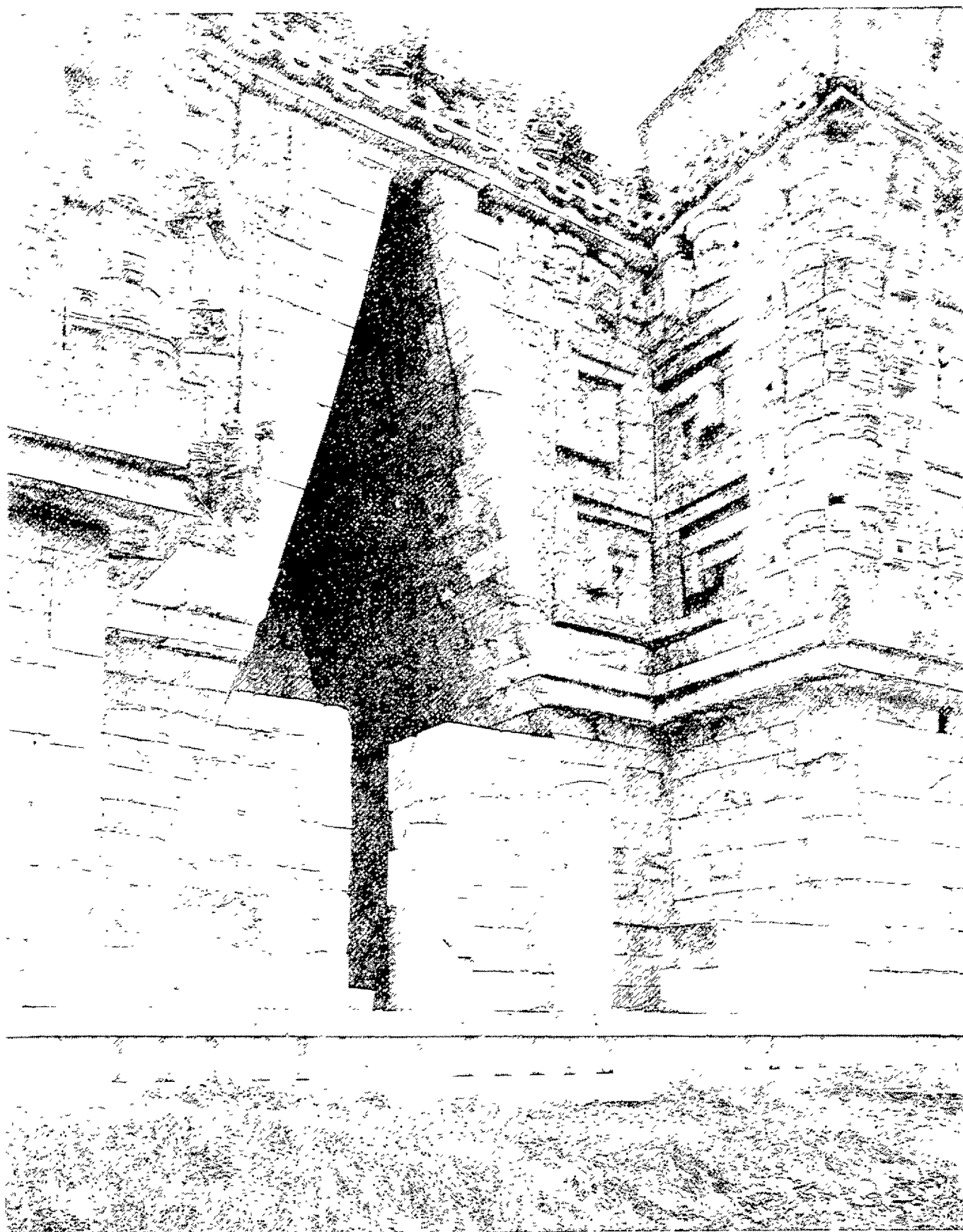


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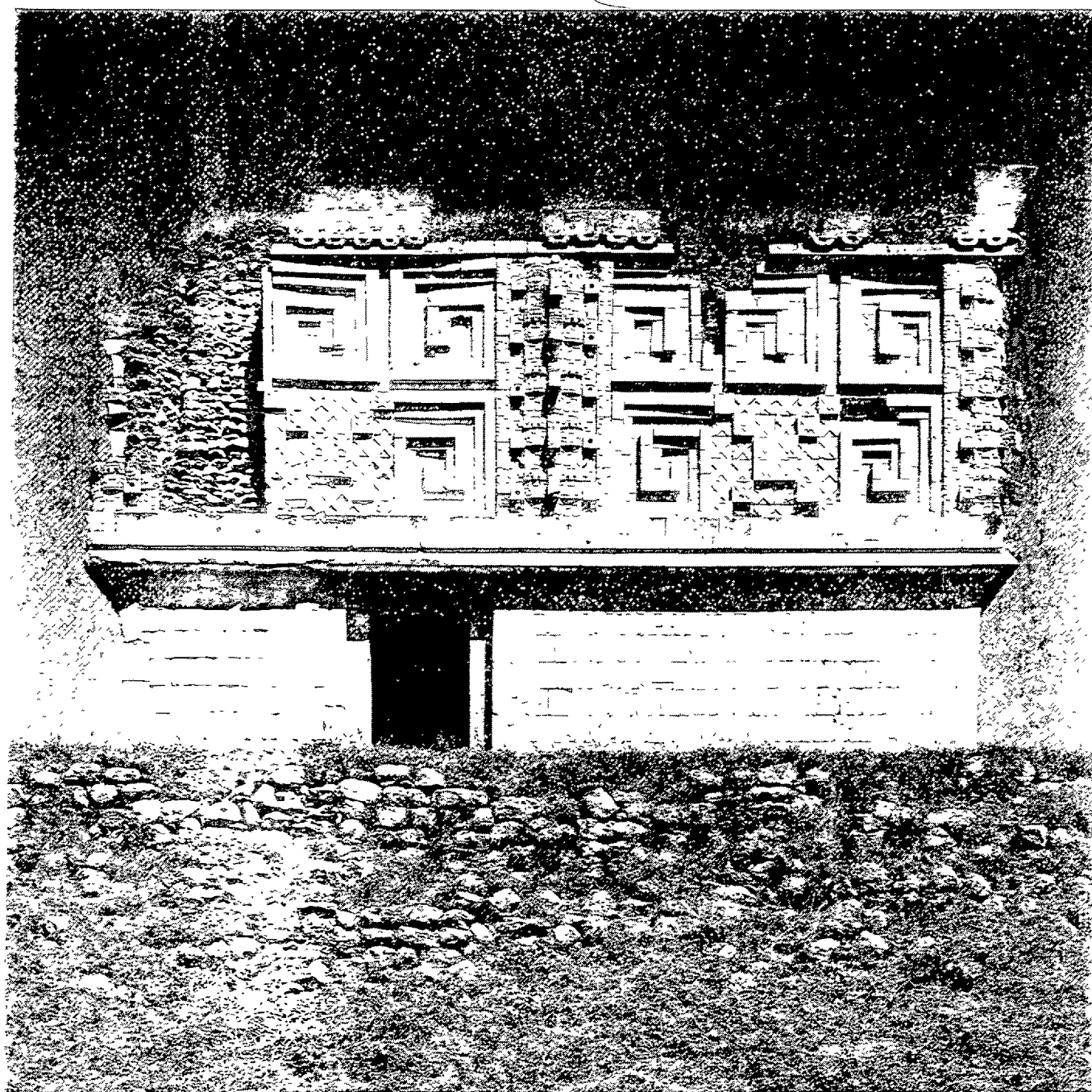


UXMAL, Yucatan, House of the Governor. East facade of central section, with "picote" in foreground

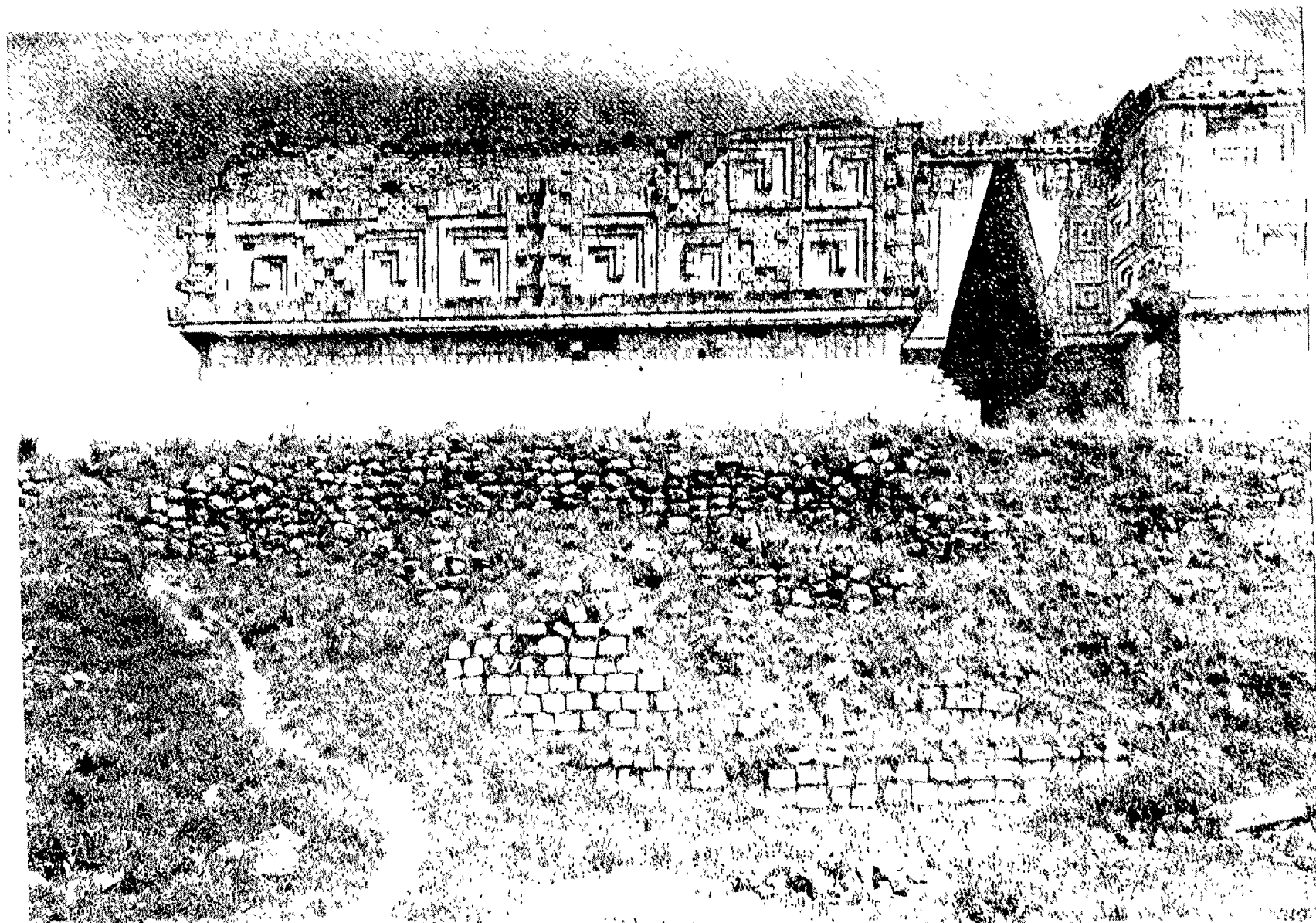


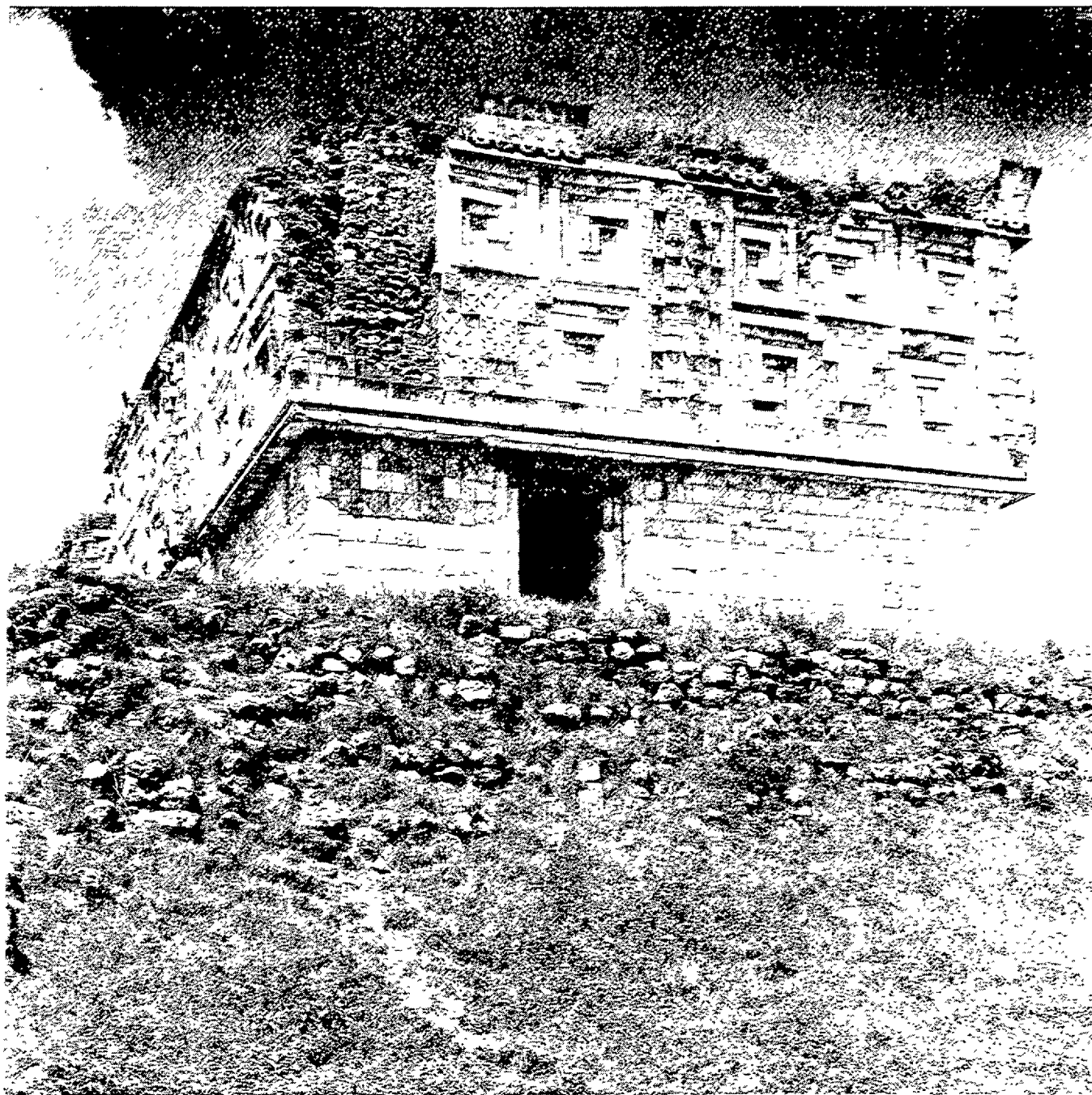


UXMAL, HOUSE OF GOVERNOR. Detail of east side of south portal vault.



Uxmal, House of the Governor. South facade, South Wing.





Uxmal, House of the Governor. Southwest corner, South Wing.

